

The Journal.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 5, 1878.

MURPHY, the great temperance worker, is coming to Springfield for a week, beginning the 13th inst.

SPRINGFIELD has ordered the muzzling of all dogs running at large in the city, under the penalty of death.

SINCE 1866 New York has reduced her State debt from \$52,000,000 to \$10,000,000, while the debt of Massachusetts has gone up from \$19,000,000 to \$33,000,000 in the same period. Comparisons are odious sometimes, that's a fact.

SCOTT and Dunlap, the Northampton bank burglars, were last Saturday sentenced to twenty years in State Prison by Judge Rockwell, and the public congratulates itself that these arrant scoundrels are at last put where they can do no more thievery for the present.

SOME of the large financial institutions in the East refuse to make any more loans at the West unless it is agreed that the principal and interest shall be paid in gold. A little more action of this sort will probably do more than anything else to cure the Westerners of their silver craze.

MUD instead of snow is the great embargo, to all business out West. Everybody there has been praying for cold weather for the past two months. The ice question, too, begins to be debated there as well as here. The prospect of the latter grows better here, and before February is ended we shall be likely to find ice enough to cool next summer's cobbles.

THE coal companies have failed to make a new combination through a disagreement as to how much each company should be allowed to mine. Consumers are to be congratulated on this result. Should an agreement be made among the coal companies it is very doubtful if it could be long sustained. Consumers should remember that coal can still be bought very cheap.

REV. MR. MERRIAM of Indian Orchard, and Indian Orchard itself, has become quite famous on account of the "hell" question. Over in Europe they are discussing the matter quite as much as here, with quite as much diversity of opinion. There should be a special committee of scholars representing several Christian denominations, to sit on the words construed to mean "hell," and their interpretation should be taken as final.

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The Legislature of 1878.

The Legislature of 1878 assembled at the State House promptly at 11 o'clock on Wednesday, and organized by re-electing the officers of last year, the opposition not being enough to create the least interest. President Cogswell of the Senate and Speaker Long of the House, in their addresses, urged faithful and thorough work rather than hasty legislation for the sake of making a short session. Speaker Long told the House the best way to make a short session was to go to work industriously and utilize the early part of it.

Having organized, the members formed in procession and went to the new Old South church, where they listened to a sermon from Rev. J. L. Hill of Lynn, who spoke from the text "Other men labored, and ye are entered into their labors."

THE MESSAGE.

The Governor delivered his message to the Legislature on Thursday. It is long and wordy, as the Governor's messages have been, occupying ten columns of the size of ours. The Governor commences with recommending fewer elections, and two sessions of the Legislature each year, which as sessions go now would fill the entire year. He also recommends that members be elected for longer terms.

The State debt has been reduced \$330,000 the past year, but it stands at \$33,220,464 now.

The expenses of the State were reduced \$100,000 the past year, and he thinks the State tax this year will be \$500,000 less than last year, all of which is encouraging to tax payers.

He speaks well of the savings banks of the State; also of the insurance companies, laying stress on the good management of our life insurance companies.

The Governor thinks our manufactures are generally returning to prosperity, and that there are no great number of mechanics out of employment.

The fishing interests of the State have increased, which he attributes to the means taken for their propagation in rivers and ponds.

He thinks the Board of Health have contributed to the health of the people by disseminating information among them as to the best methods of preventing disease.

The educational interests of the State he speaks well of, and thinks the physical training of the children deserves quite as much upon the State as their mental training.

He introduces from the Commission appointed last spring to review our State Charities, a portion of their report, which recommends the abolition of the Board of State Charities, and of the boards which supervise all our charitable institutions, and also the inspectors of the State prison and insane hospitals. These officers serve in many cases without compensation and are local boards. In their place the Commission recommends a single board, who would be required to pay another board, who would be required to pay another board, who would be required to pay another board.

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PALMER AND VICINITY.

1878.

Winter has arrived. Have you sworn off?

The ice men feel more hopeful.

Palmer dogs are not muzzled yet.

Next week is the week of prayer.

Don't forget your new resolutions.

Red noses are becoming fashionable.

Diphtheria still prevails to some extent.

Flies have gone into winter quarters again.

The streets have been very dusty this week.

Red mittens are all the style with the ladies.

The river is frozen over, for the first time this winter.

After Davis—shall we have Murphy or his lieutenants?

How many times have you written '77 for '78 this week?

S. W. Lawrence is confined to his house by an attack of sciatica.

One of Parks' steam heaters has been placed in the Congregational parsonage.

The days are a few minutes longer, and the cold a good many degrees stronger.

The freight business on the New London Northern road is unusually heavy just now.

Rev. C. H. Eaton will lecture at Hardwick next Thursday, on "The New Aristocracy."

No less than seven dogs were seen in a scurrying on Central street one day this week.

The Trustees of the Savings bank hold their semi-annual meeting at 10 a. m. to-day, Saturday.

Mrs. Crawford and her pupils will give a parlor concert in Union Hall next Wednesday evening.

If you happen to owe any small bills—to the printer, for instance—it is a good time to drop in and pay them.

Supt. Bentley of the New London Northern road has declined the call to the management of the Vermont Central.

The reader has no doubt made a memorandum in his new diary of every day's doings in this year's experience.

"Is the World Degrading?" will be the subject of Rev. C. H. Eaton's discourse at Wales Hall Sunday evening.

The old adage that "A green Christmas makes a fat chureyard" is a whopper, as proved by last month's experience.

We only got the "ragged edge" of that snow storm Wednesday night, but it began again in good earnest Friday morning.

Wileox, the photographer, is having a big run of work at Thordike, but means to remove to Three Rivers soon, if possible.

The "Beebe" locomotive, which was wrecked in the accident at Warren, came out of the shop Wednesday as good as new, and took its trial trip.

Mr. Leach is framing the new poor house in this village and when the frame is completed it will be taken to the old poor farm and set up.

S. Moore of Blanchardville lost a valuable horse last week Friday morning. The horse was one of a pair for which Mr. Moore had been offered \$800.

Can any one give information where the books of the old Palmer Library can be found? Some of those who contributed to that institution would like to know.

The winters of 1837-8, 1847-8, 1857-8 and 1867-8 were of unusual mildness, and reasoning from analogy the weather-wise think the present winter will follow suit.

Sheriff Sanderson had his host of deputies qualified on Wednesday. He has made quite as much dissatisfaction in other places as here by his numerous appointments.

It is a noticeable fact that the first thing a woman does after reading a birth to a young married couple in the local paper, is to invariably inquire the date of their marriage.

E. J. Wood is fairly installed in his new store on Church street, which he has fixed up in good style, the walls and ceiling being excellent specimens of his own handwork.

John Rich's house on Park street progresses finely, and work has been begun on George Robinson's cellar, over which will be placed a storehouse, to be converted into a dwelling house at some future day.

Engineer Adams, who has a large Sabbath school class of boys at Winchendon, received an unexpected visit from the class Tuesday evening, and was presented with a large group picture of the entire class.

Elder Toeples opened the Advent meetings at the chapel with a sermon Wednesday evening. Thursday was fully occupied, and the meetings increase in interest. To-morrow Elder Couch of Boston, editor of the *World's Crisis*, will preach.

The carpet company has elected the following officers for the coming year: President, George Robinson; clerk, A. Pinney; directors, O. H. Sampson of Boston, George Robinson, J. B. Shaw and H. P. Holden of Palmer, A. J. Northrop of Monson.

The Hampden and Hampshire Good Templars' Union holds its quarterly convention with Springfield lodge, at Springfield, next Tuesday, and all members of the I. O. G. T. are invited. The G. W. T. C. of the State will speak at the afternoon session.

One of our hotels claims to have special accommodations for newly-married couples. At any rate it "gathers them in" about every time, and it is becoming dangerous for any young man who expects to continue in single blessedness to remain inside its charmed walls.

Mrs. Betsey Barton, lately deceased, bequeathed \$100 to the Second Congregational church in this village for the benefit of its poor members, most of the balance of her property being divided between the Tract, Home Mission and American Mission societies.

A celebrated chorus of world-renowned singers, under the leadership of T. Omens, have been serenading at various places in this village. They were heartily received wherever they went and in many instances received donations of native woodwork and antique pottery.

All good farmers know this has been fine growing weather, and judging from the appearance of many of our rural youth they have been taking advantage of it by raising moustaches. Many of them give evidence of careful nursing, and owing to the mildness of the weather they have not been injured by early frosts.

The matrimonial fever is having something of a run in the village, but some of the victims are so quiet about it that it is difficult to tell with certainty who has had it. As it is supposed to be "catching," it is of course un-

wise and dangerous to allow any of the sufferers to be at large unlabeled.

Mr. Baldwin, who has had charge of our High School for the past two-and-a-half years, has accepted the more lucrative position of Principal of the Pittsfield High School, and will begin his labors there next Monday. During Mr. Baldwin's regime the High School has more than doubled in attendance, and he has made many friends, whose best wishes go with him to his new field.

The record of real estate transfers for the past week includes the following: Jeremiah Doyle to Joanna and Daniel Doyle, land in Palmer, \$900; Charles L. Bennett of Ludlow to the city of Springfield, land in Ludlow, \$500; Daniel G. Green to Orrin D. Ayers, land in Monson, \$150; S. C. Warriner of Springfield to William Lincoln of Warren, land and buildings in Springfield, \$1250.

The newest variation of the telephone is called the phonograph, which receives spoken words, that may be delivered at any future time without repetition by the speaker, in his own voice and language. This will be a great boon to suffering woman, for whereas her husband perhaps will not now wait to receive all her parting words, she can bottle up a good supply of them and then place the phonograph uncorked in his pocket or hat as he starts away, with the assurance that her words will be faithfully ground out to him as he trudges along. And then, when she is called upon to take her departure from this mundane sphere, only to think what a rich legacy of advice she can leave him!

At Tuesday's session of the Probate Court, administration was granted on the estates of—Royal Buffum of Palmer; Henry C. Davis of Ware, administrator; Esther Calkins of Palmer; Abel H. Calkins, administrator; Roswell P. Root of Wilbraham, Sumner Smith, administrator; Sally Miller of Ludlow, Davenport R. Fuller, administrator, with will annexed. Wills proved—Elias A. Paul of Palmer, Susan A. Paul, executrix; Betsey Barton of Palmer, William Brainard of Palmer and John C. Brainard of Amherst, executors; Edna Bumstead of Wilbraham, John Bumstead, executor. Inventories filed of the estates of—William H. Rice of Brimfield, personal \$1099; Ezekiel Fuller of Ludlow, real \$8075, personal \$3375; Gilbert K. Stacy of Wilbraham, real \$5725, personal \$1279. Accounts rendered on the estates of—James Dimmick of Wales; Alice J. Hall of Monson; Robert Ely of Wilbraham; Thomas Deagan, insane, of Wilbraham; Harriet Goodwill, insane, of Wilbraham; Ransom S. Burr of Wilbraham; Sarah E. A. and Freddie N. Pratt, minors, of Ludlow. R. M. Reynolds was appointed guardian of Caroline L. Dixon of Monson, insane. Enos Calkins and Geo. W. Randall of Palmer were appointed commissioners on the insolvent estate of William H. Rice of Brimfield, and George H. Newton of Monson, and Henry F. Brown of Brimfield on that of Samuel B. Gould of Brimfield. The commissioners on the estate of Alice J. Hall of Monson reported a balance of \$166.

WARREN.

William Coombs has been reappointed deputy sheriff.

BELCHERTOWN.

Prof. Root delivered the second lecture of the course at the Cong. church, his subject being "Music."

G. B. Weston forbids fishing in his pond. He says that more than 2000 pickersel were caught there last year by outsiders.

BRIMFIELD.

A handsome specimen of the porcine species has been exhibited in Brimfield the past week by Capt. Darius Shaw, who has raised, fattened and slaughtered a pig eight and a half months old, weighing 450 pounds net. If any farmer in this county can beat that, speak out.

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BONDVILLE.

Splendid skating, and the boys are happy, and so are the ice men.

The Methodist Sunday school reorganized last Sunday and the following officers were chosen for the year: Supt., F. A. Packard; asst. supt., Frank Talmadge; sec. and treas., Merrick Whitney; librarians, Gilbert Thompson and Wilbur Packard.

WILBRAHAM.

The chapel of the church has been plastered. The students had their first interview New Year's night.

Miss M. E. Scarlett, of the class of '77, has returned as teacher in the Academy.

C. E. Peak has taken the job of strengthening the roof of the church, and also has the contract for making the seats for the chapel.

BELCHERTOWN.

The law in regard to the muzzling of dogs has not yet been enforced, as some of the favorite canine pets are still running at large, unmuzzled.

The friends of Rev. Mr. Tuck and wife, to the number of 50, surprised them at their home last Wednesday evening, it being the tenth anniversary of their marriage. Mr. Tuck commenced his labors with the Baptist church last summer.

THREE RIVERS.

Rev. C. W. Johnson of the Methodist church will preach in the Baptist church, Three Rivers, Sabbath evening at 7 o'clock.

Mr. Pliny Cooley has recently established a public watering trough by the roadside near his residence, fed from a spring on his hillside. He deserves the thanks of the community for this convenience, which is the only one of the kind in the village.

The order of services for the week of prayer at Three Rivers is as follows: Saturday (Jan 5th), Monday and Tuesday evenings at the Baptist vestry; Tuesday and Friday evenings at Union Chapel; Wednesday and Saturday evenings at Y. M. C. A. rooms.

WALES.

Geo. Royce has opened a small grocery store in Mrs. Eager's shop.

Prof. Cortes entertained a good audience in Shaw's hall last week Wednesday evening with his illusive tricks.

And now Wm. S. Wallis of Holland can brag of the best cow in town, having purchased H. A. McFarland's thoroughbred.

The Christmas gathering in the Baptist vestry was a success. From 300 to 400 of the townspeople gathered there and were served with an elegant turkey supper. The literary entertainment occupied three-quarters of an hour, and was very nice and satisfactory to all. At its close Santa Claus, which numbered about 400, with presents, appeared in all. The old fellow remembered every body, notwithstanding his old age. On the whole the people call this the best entertainment ever held there.

WEST WARREN.

Gates have been placed at the elevator entrances in No. 1 mill.

A locomotive caused quite a fire in the brush near the "Pool house" Tuesday evening.

Miss Magorvey has given up her position in the post office and moved away from the village.

F. L. Harmon was presented with a set of Johnson's Cyclopaedia by the Methodists the other evening.

The intermediate school will be closed until the 14th, the teacher, Miss Cutler, being called to Amherst by the sudden death of her father.

The Methodists will observe the week of prayer with meetings every evening next week. Their form of Sabbath worship is to be somewhat different hereafter, the congregation taking a larger part in the exercises.

LUDLOW.

Elijah Munsell of Silver Street has bought E. N. Fisher's farm, and will erect a new house in place of the old one.

John W. Hubbard's house was burned Tuesday evening, with most of the contents. The cause of the fire is not known.

The Cong. Sabbath school has changed its time of reorganizing from the first Sunday in May to the last in December. Last Sabbath the following officers were chosen: Supt., James O. Kendall; asst. supt., Dea. G. R. Clark; librarians, Charles P. Jones, Willie Bagg and Fred L. Burr. The average attendance since the first of last May has been 84; largest number present, 99; smallest, 62. Some 40 or 50 new books have been added to the library.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Summer Smith has been reappointed a Justice of the Peace, and has been qualified.

Mrs. Norris Griswold presented her husband New Year's morning with a daughter weighing 104 pounds.

Muzzling dogs is talked about, but the selectmen do not move in the matter and the big and little pups all go at large.

On Wednesday Deputy Sheriff Warren gracefully retired, and the new deputy, S. C. Spellman, succeeded him in the office.

The Laocoe mill is mostly filled up with help and makes quite a bright appearance, being lighted until 6 o'clock evenings.

Postmaster Stanton, according to previous announcement, removed the post office to his private dwelling on the 1st inst. This is a step in the right way, being more central and on the public highway. For years the office has been kept under the Baptist church, obliging people to go the whole length of the church from the road and entering the back door at the back corner, and not a few have been dissatisfied with the location. It is now very easy of access, and ladies can go and come without the noise of village loungers about stores.

MONSON.

Frank H. King is reappointed deputy sheriff.

A surprise party visited Dr. Smith the other evening.

One hunter claims to have killed 500 birds the past season.

The new mill of R. M. and T. Reynolds is running nearly full time.

The stockholders in the bank receive their usual 5 per cent. dividend.

Mark Noble has his feather bed renovated in Noble's block, and is doing quite a business in cleaning beds.

Leonard B. Charles has purchased the Leonard Lapham farm, formerly owned by E. O. Knowlton.

W. N. Flynt & Co. are running their saw mill with full force and will cut off quite a quantity of timber and lumber the present season.

Some of our farmers who have lost sheep by dogs are complaining that they are not awarded as much per head for sheep killed as the assessors taxed them last spring.

The library and free reading room committee have decided to put in shelving and cases for the reception of books in their room, and will probably arrange them next week.

The report of a cow of D. G. Green's having the hydrophobia seems to have been more than a real fact. It is said to be only a case of poisoning or something of that kind.

The tenth anniversary of the settlement of Rev. C. B. Sumner occurred on Wednesday, and a soiree at the church in the evening and the presentation by the parishioners of a bear skin robe, seal skin cap, seal skin gloves to Mr. Sumner, and a sewing machine to Mrs. Sumner, were Christmas and New Year's presents which were very appropriate.

Receipts Wednesday evening at the soiree were about \$25, which will probably go into the Home Missionary fund. Whether that fund is to eventually build a new steeple or not will be hereafter determined.

EAST BRIMFIELD.

Mrs. Shaw of Great Barrington, mother of Mrs. Dwight P. Allen and also of Mrs. Marcus E. Rogers, wife of the editor of this paper, is well and comfortable, the Berkshire Courier, is visiting East Brimfield to spend the holidays with her daughter and grandchildren.

The personal effects of Mr. C. Varney, comprising horses, carriages, agricultural implements, plowing machines, lathes and other articles were sold by public auction to the highest bidder on Thursday, 27th ult., bringing remunerative prices. Mr. C. Varney, Jr., will continue the business hereafter in his own name. May success attend him in his new efforts.

The village of East Brimfield was the scene of happiness and social enjoyment on the commencement of the New Year. The festival held in the chapel New Year's eve surpassed anything of the kind ever held in that thriving district. At two days' notice the whole thing was arranged in such order that there was no derangement, and it was delightful to see such harmony existing in the gathering on the closing of the old year, and the ushering in of the new, and as the clock announced the hour of midnight, all was hushed and still, until the bell had ceased its vibrations, then came with *clat* the merry and lapping voices ringing through the hall, wishing each and all a Happy New Year. At or before 6 o'clock the guests began to arrive, and at eight the hall was well filled with bright eyes and smiling faces, in anticipation of a pleasant, agreeable and happy time, all of which they had, and enjoyed to its fullest extent. The supper was excellent, well prepared and in abundance, served at thirty-separate tables. As at all such demonstrations, cake of richness and large dimensions was profusely prominent; crullers, tarts, pies of all kinds were showered upon the guests, and ice cream and candies made one of the popular departments. After the supper was over it was found that a surplus was left untouched, and a proposition was made to auction it off to the highest bidder; and Col. Drake of Holland was requested to take the stand as auctioneer, which he did, and in a few well timed and facetious remarks entered upon the duties of his office, and dispatched off at remunerative prices all the articles, such as butter, Mrs. C. B. Drake, Mrs. S. Gould, Miss Josie C. Emerson and others were active in making all feel at home, and prominent among the getters-up of the affair were Mr. David Jones, Sol. Gould, Benj. Webster and others, who were untiring in their efforts to make the festival just what it was, a decided success. The net receipts were a good round fifty dollars. The company dispersed soon after 12 o'clock, and Masonically speaking they "met on the level and parted on the square," with faith in God, hope in immortality, and charity to all mankind.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The post office received \$846 the last quarter.

The whole number of deaths in town during 1877 is 81 against 71 in 1876.

Samuel Lockhart is building a brick house in the rear of Mrs. Caryl's residence on Main street.

A twelve-year-old boy named George Blanchet was drowned last Saturday while sliding on the ice.

The Ware Savings bank paid a dividend of 24 per cent. Jan. 1st, and have added to their guarantee fund \$3,987.

Sheriff Longley has reappointed deputies W. C. Weldon of this place, S. W. Longley of Belchertown and E. G. Wells of Enfield.

Hon. George H. Gilbert of this town, a member of the Senate from this county, has resigned his position as inspector of the State Primary School at Monson.

Rev. Henry Ward Beecher is threatened with another law suit, aimed this time, however

THE YEAR 1877.

Some of Its Leading Local and General Events.

JANUARY.

- Coronation of Queen Victoria as Empress of India.
- Rev. J. H. Bradford assumed Superintendency of Monson State Primary School.
- Great snow storm all through the country. Blockade on New York Central and other railroads.
- Death of Commodore Vanderbilt, the Railroad King, 83.
- Wreck of steamer L'Amrique off Long Beach.
- May-Bennett duel in Maryland.
- Fall of the Boston & Albany freight house in Springfield from accumulation of snow.
- Hyers Sisters play "Out of Bondage," Palmer.
- Reading by Prof. Bailey at Wales Hall.
- Riot in Westboro State Reform School.
- Geo. F. Hoar elected U. S. Senator by Massachusetts Legislature.
- Fatal accident at State Primary School; Jan Gadka killed by a falling embankment.
- Opening of debate on Electoral bill in U. S. Senate.
- Mad dog scare in Palmer; heroic conduct of the home guard.
- U. S. Senate passes Electoral bill, 47 to 17.
- Death of Tylar Hamilton, Palmer.
- Moody and Sankey begin their labors in Boston.
- House of Representatives pass Electoral bill.
- Beginning of revival meetings in Palmer.
- Death of Signor Blitz, the magician, 67.
- "Robert Macaire" at Wales Hall by P. D. C.

FEBRUARY.

- Beginning of electoral count.
- Murder of D. Erskine Barrett of Belchertown at Norhampton Lunatic Asylum.
- Electoral Commission counts Florida for the Republicans, 8 to 7.
- Queen Victoria opens Parliament in person.
- Murray's theatre at Wales Hall, Palmer.
- Excelsior Club organized, Palmer.
- Gen. Diaz elected President of Mexico.

MARCH.

- Rutherford B. Hayes declared elected President, having 185 votes to 184 for Samuel J. Tilden.
- Death of Deacon Porter, Monson, 82.
- Inauguration of President Hayes.
- Annual town meeting, Ware.
- Death of ex-Governor Emory Washburn, 77.
- Annual town meeting, Palmer.
- Death of C. C. Shaw, Palmer, 63.
- Execution of John D. Lee, the Mormon prophet.

APRIL.

- Death of Luther B. Bliss, Wilbraham, 63.
- President Hayes issues his order for withdrawal of troops from the State House at Columbia, S. C.
- Death of C. D. Lewis, Bondville, 73.
- Burning of the Grand Southern Hotel, at St. Louis; several lives lost.
- U. S. troops withdrawn from State House in New Orleans.
- Russia declared war against Turkey, and advance guard crossed the frontier.
- Death of Parson Brownlow, Tennessee, 72.
- Large fire at Canajoharie, N. Y.; loss \$250,000.

MAY.

- Crazy Horse surrenders with his band of 900 Indians.
- Earthquakes and tidal waves in Peru and Bolivia; a dozen towns swept away, 600 lives lost and \$20,000,000 worth of property destroyed.
- Opening of Permanent Exhibition at Philadelphia.
- Destructive forest fires in northern New York, New Hampshire and Vermont.
- Beginning of political crisis in France. President MacMahon dismisses the Republican Cabinet.
- Death of Rev. Samuel A. Collins, at College Hill, Ohio, first pastor of Baptist church in Palmer.
- Ex-President Grant sails for Europe.
- Massachusetts Legislature adjourns.
- First thunder storm of the season.
- Destructive thunder and hail storm in Hampshire and Worcester counties.
- Snow storm on the Berkshire hills.
- Burning of Samuel D. Walker's house and barn at Ware; loss \$1500.
- Death of John Lathrop Motley, the historian and ex-Minister to England, 63.
- Decorations Day.
- Amherst College Glee Club Concert, Palmer.

JUNE.

- Decorations Day observances in Monson.
- Great forest fires in Michigan.
- Terrible storm at Mount Carmel, Ind. Many people killed. Loss \$300,000.
- Baptist Sabbath School Convention, Palmer.
- Congregational festival at David Knox's, Palmer.
- Burning of hat factory in Bridgeport, Conn. Eleven men crushed to death. Loss \$250,000.
- Great fire at Galveston, Texas. Loss \$1,250,000.
- Murder of Harriet Wheeler, Northampton.
- The "flier" made the trip from Chicago to Springfield, 937 miles, in 24 hours 18 minutes.
- Hadley bridge over Connecticut river destroyed by tornado; two persons killed.
- Death of Rev. John S. C. Abbott, author, at Fair Haven, Conn., 71.
- Explosion in Holyoke pulp mill; one man killed and several injured.
- Hanging of ten Molly Maguires in Pennsylvania.
- St. John, N. B., destroyed by fire; 20,000 people made homeless. Loss \$20,000,000.
- The Russians cross the Danube.
- President Hayes issues his famous Civil Service order.
- Large fire at Wilbraham; loss \$34,000.
- Great fire at Marlborough; loss \$350,000.
- Harvard-Columbia boat race at Springfield.
- Installation of Rev. C. H. Eaton as pastor of St. Paul's Universalist church, Palmer.
- Yale-Harvard regatta, Springfield.
- Destructive storm in various parts of the country.

JULY.

- Graduating exercises, Palmer High School.
- Independence Day—Union Sabbath school picnic at Four corners, Palmer.
- Death of Lyman Shaw, Monson.
- Tornado in Palmer and Westfield.
- Accident on Ware River at R. L. near Thorndike.
- Horse races at Springfield.
- Orangean's riot at Montreal.
- Centennial celebration of the battle of Bennington, Vt.
- First important Russian victory. Nikopolis carried by storm.
- Beginning, at Martinsburg, W. Va., of the great railroad riots, which in a few days extended over 12,000 miles of railroads in 11 States.
- Great fire and destruction of railroad property by mob at Pittsburg, Penn.
- Dedication of Union chapel at Three Rivers and ordination of Rev. M. M. Tracy.
- First excursion to Mt. Tobey.

AUGUST.

- Recovery of Josephine Davis of Ware from Htatist, her abductor.
- Burning of Palmer poor farm buildings.
- Death of Brigham Young, 76.

SEPTEMBER.

- Death of Louis Adolphe Thiers, the French statesman, 80.
- Capture of Htatist, the abductor of Josephine Davis.
- Prohibitory State Convention, Worcester.
- Democratic State Convention, Worcester.
- Dedication of Army and Navy monument at Boston.

- Twenty-fifth annual cattle show and fair at Palmer.
- Republican State Convention at Worcester.
- Laying of corner stone of new Congregational church at Wilbraham.
- Diphtheria begins its ravages in Palmer.
- Fire in Patent Office, Washington, \$1,500,000 loss.
- Death of Sylvester B. Bond of Ware, 36.
- Surrender of Joseph and his warriors.
- Death of Archbishop Bayley of Baltimore, and Mme. Tietjens.
- Great storm, following drought, with much damage.
- Death of Judge Samuel T. Spaulding of Northampton, 58; Smith R. Phillips of Springfield, 40.
- Congress meets in extra session.
- Dramatic recitals in Wales Hall, Palmer, by Alfred J. Knight.
- Tarring of Moses Smith in Silver Street.
- Grand hunt in Monson.
- \$250,000 fire in Portland, N. B.
- The Chinese government closes the only railroad in the empire.
- Death of Elias L. Paul, Palmer, 71.
- Golden wedding of Mr. and Mrs. A. V. Blanchard, Palmer.
- Death of Gen. N. B. Forrest, of Fort Pillow massacre notoriety, at Memphis.

NOVEMBER.

- Death of Senator Morton, of Indiana, 55.
- Earthquake in New England.
- State election.
- Senator Gardner's reception at Antique House, Palmer.
- Council at Indian Orchard refuses to ordain Rev. Mr. Merriam.
- Masonic convention at Palmer.
- China wedding of Mr. and Mrs. George Robinson, Palmer.
- Death of A. R. Myrdock, Palmer, 81.
- The Russians carry Kars by storm.
- Concert by Amos Whiting's chorus, at Wales Hall, Palmer.
- Destructive storms in Virginia, Maryland and North Carolina.
- Wreck of U. S. steamer Huren; 98 lives lost.
- Thanksgiving Day all over the country.

DECEMBER.

- Death of George T. Hill, formerly of Palmer, at Bridgton, N. J., 63.
- Elbridge G. Cabot of Enfield died of a cat bite.
- Silver wedding, Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Bailey of Palmer.
- Surrender of Osman Pasha to the Russians at Plevna.
- End of political crisis in France; a Republican Cabinet formed.
- Explosion in New York candy factory; 7 lives lost.
- Close of a remarkably fine month, and finishing up of A. D. 1877.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Seven bodies in all have been taken out of the debris of the candy factory in New York. The schooner Nabob went ashore off Greensburg Point, Md., Sunday night, and the captain and two of the crew were drowned.

Rev. Albert Case, a canvasser for the Boston Golden Rule, was struck and killed by a train on the Boston & Lowell Railroad last Saturday afternoon.

Edward Halpin, 20 years of age, was killed near Chicopee last Friday in trying to cross the Connecticut River Railroad track in front of a passenger train.

A handsome Canada woman engaged herself to two importunate suitors, and being unable to decide which of them she liked best she took strychnine and died.

Three children, locked in a house in Crawford county, Iowa, by their parents, who went off to husk corn Christmas day, were burned to death by the burning of the house.

While ascending in an elevator at the Standard sugar refinery in South Boston last Saturday, John Dugan was caught between a floor and the elevator gearing and fatally crushed.

William Curtis, a wealthy farmer of Hopkinton, N. H., was murderously assaulted, it is supposed by a couple of tramps, Sunday morning, receiving wounds which may terminate fatally.

John Murphy, an insane colored man, escaped from the Deer Island hospital at Boston last week Friday and reached the roof, when he fell and received injuries from which he died on Saturday.

Philip Martz of Monroeville, Ind., was married Thursday, and gave a wedding reception Friday night. Uninvited people gave the couple a "belling," whereupon the friends of Martz fired into the crowd, wounding nine persons.

Walter Molone in a fit of anger began beating his wife, at Waldron, Ark., a few days ago, when her father interfered and was shot dead by the husband, while the 16-years-old wife, who was about to be confined, is not expected to survive the whipping and excitement.

Mrs. Harriet Smith, once an accomplished and educated woman, ten years ago got into the habit of taking morphine, from which she could not free herself, and she ran steadily down. A few days ago she was arrested in Detroit for stealing a pair of slippers, and tried to hang herself in her cell.

Eva Wilson, a girl of 16 or 17, was assaulted by a negro in Washington last Friday evening. He knocked her down, dragged her into an alley and there outraged her, beating her, biting her on the breasts, neck and shoulders, and leaving her insensible in the mud. Several negroes were arrested on suspicion, and one of them was narrowly escaped lynching. Indignant meetings were held and intense excitement prevailed. Crime has been unusually prevalent of late at the capital, and there is a loud call for a larger police force.

One of the worst scoundrels in the country, M. L. Richardson, alias Houghton, Nuttel, and Curtis, has just been arrested in New Orleans to answer for an outrage on a girl of 15 named Ella Tydings at the National hotel in Washington. She was a respectable Baltimore girl, and he had got possession of her by representing himself to be a man of wealth and saying that he wanted her for a companion to his sister in Alexandria, Va. They stopped over night in the hotel at Washington, and he repeatedly outraged her. He was formerly a member of a gang of highwaymen in Indiana.

Another swindling firm in New York has suspended, and its senior member has disappeared with a large amount of money. John Bonner & Co., brokers, announced their inability to meet their business engagements, and it was found that Mr. Bonner had left, probably for Canada, taking perhaps \$300,000 with him. Bonner & Co. would loan money on securities, and then taking the securities left with them as collateral would pledge them to other parties, borrowing larger amounts on them than they had themselves advanced. In this way they cleared, it is supposed, something like \$400,000, and a good many people will suffer by his transactions. Bonner was President of the Bankers' and Brokers' Association, which has been obliged to suspend, as he took all the money it had, about \$300,000.

Marlboro boasts a man who has originated fifteen newspapers, all but one of which are now published.

A new invention has been perfected in Paris—that of glass printing type. This kind of type is made out of hardened glass, and is as hard as lead. They last longer than the metallic; are not liable to be crushed by the printing cylinder; and they do not injure the health in handling, as lead types do. The atmosphere in printing offices is impregnated with particles of lead, and chronic lead poisoning is one of the complaints of type-setters. All this is obviated by the new invention, which has the merit also of being much cheaper.

FIRES.—There was a \$60,000 fire in St. John, N. B., last Saturday morning, being the fourth time within ten years that a fire has destroyed buildings on the same spot.—A tub factory at Two Rivers, Wis., was burned Saturday; loss \$180,000.

L. S. Stowe & Co., of Springfield, are having a special sale of watches for ten days. Prices being so low, the sales are large.

Let everybody remember that the great special annual sale of dry goods at McKnight & Norton's comes off this month. See advertisement.

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Despondency, if allowed unheeded, will often produce a morbid condition, so that the least unsatisfactory affair that happens will swell into terrifying proportions. The mind being warped often inflicting torpor to the body, all the more frequently is the effect of inaction of the liver than from any other cause, and by resorting to Simmons' Liver Regulator the mind will often find relief with the body.

Exposition of 1876.—Wandering through the United States section of this truly wonderful Exhibition, hyperornamented and over-displayed as it is, I came upon an elegant glass case, whose modesty was the more conspicuous from its neighbors' fiery, surmounted by the motto *Dignis Praemia* and displaying, in neat packages, the medical preparations of the house of Dr. J. C. Ayer & Co., Lowell, Mass.

I was aware of the world-wide reputation of this eminent firm, for the character and quality of their goods, and remember well their agents in London, Messrs. NEWBERRY, in St. Paul's Churchyard. Having a leisure hour, I determined to examine the contents of this case, myself, and I was surprised to see the delicate household remedies. I have brought their household remedies. I was chagrined at the reflection that, while we have at home the most skillful and pre-eminent, the best physicians in the world, these Yankee doctors did know us so far in the line of popular medicines for family use. They have the sharpness to take advantage of the high scientific discoveries among us and make pills and potions as palatable as they are salutary. I was told by a leading druggist in Philadelphia, that Dr. AYER'S manufactory was the largest in America, giving employment to hundreds. I must go to Lowell and see it on my way home.—*Correspondence of the London (Eng.) Telegraph.*

American inventive genius, conspicuous for years past, was never more fertile than at present. True, no decided triumphs like our reapers, sewing machines, telegraphs and duplex telegraphs occur every year,—but in the general line of useful inventions, the United States leads the world. With higher wages for labor, our improved machinery now enables us to compete successfully in all the principal markets of the world in the sale of many of our manufactured goods. England even buys largely of our domestic; our agricultural implements harrow up the soil of the whole world; the melody of the American organs and pianos is heard wherever civilization has extended; our grain, our beef, our canned goods, feed untold myriads of men, and elsewhere. The bulk of this great success, for a nation but a century old, is due to the inventive capacity of its people in planning machinery to produce, methods to preserve, and means for safe transportation long distances. With all this, many more meritorious inventors are deprived from any personal benefit from their contributions to public welfare by an ignorance of the multifarious intricacies of the Patent Office. To such we would commend Mr. R. H. Eddy, 76 State Street, Boston, as a leading solicitor of patents; one who has not only had a very long and successful practice in his business, but from his familiarity of the laws and technicalities in this and foreign countries, is most competent to advise inventors in regard to American and European patents, trademarks, designs, reissues, etc.

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LACKEYBETACK, a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, Palmer, Mass. Elsewhere by dealers generally. cow157

"A Widow and Her Child."
A singular instance of superstition came to light not long since, which is thus related: Going into a neighbor's house one day last week, I found one of the children suffering from a severe cough, and the mother's opinion that it was a case in which medical assistance should be obtained. The mother of the boy agreed that it was very bad, but said that before calling in a doctor she intended to try a cure that she had long used in similar cases, and never found to fail. On being pressed to comply, she prescribed the remedy she had used, and the child recovered. For Soreness across the Chest or Lungs or Lame Back or Side, **SIMLITH'S PLEASANT CURE** gives prompt relief. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

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BORN.
At Palmer, 21, a son to CALVIN PORTER.
At Monson, 27th ult., a daughter to J. P. WOODROUFGH; 28th ult., a daughter to M. F. BROWN.
At Belchertown, 29th ult., a daughter to ARTHUR MAS VEDAKIN.

MARRIED.

At Three Rivers, 24, by Rev. Philip Berry, WM. E. FLETCHER and LUCINDA DAVIS, all of Three Rivers.
At Springfield, 27th ult., WALTER BLANCHARD and SUSAN M. WHEELER, both of Palmer.
At Monson, 31st ult., by Rev. C. H. Eaton, LOUIS B. COLBURN of Palmer and NELLIE J. FERRY of Monson.
At Monson, 1st, by Rev. C. B. Sumner, IRLAN PAGE of Philadelphia, son of the late Rev. William Wallace Page of Troy, N. Y., and EMMA W. only daughter of the late Rev. Levi A. Field of Marlboro.
At Ware, 1st, by Rev. Wm. G. Tuttle, JAMES H. PATTEN of Marlwick and ROSINA TOURTELLOTT of Greenwich.
At Warren, 1st at the Congregational church, by Rev. J. H. Moore, WILLIAM WALKER of Cambridge and ANNIE M. PATRICK, Warren's favorite soprano.
At Warren, 1st by Rev. F. Nichols, WILLIAM H. PRUCE and ELLA A. GILBERT, both of West Brookfield.
At West Warren, 1st, by Rev. A. H. Somes, MOSES GOMER of North Brookfield and MARY FRIZZO.

DIED.

At Palmer, 24, EVA, 7, eldest daughter of Geo. Wilcox.
At Palmer, 24, Mrs. MARGARET HOLDSWORTH, 71.
At Wilbraham, 29th ult., MARY R., 68, wife of O. S. SHERMAN of Palmer.
At Monson, 24, MARY LOCKWOOD, 18.
At Monson, 24th ult., JESSIE N. BENJAMIN, 8 yrs. 1 month, daughter of Helen F. Bliss.
At Worcester Insane Asylum, SETH CHAMBERLAIN of Warren, 77.
At Amherst, 17th ult., NEDDY CHAMPTON, 77.
At Springfield, 29th ult., HARLOW D. BARNES, 45.
At Warren, 29th ult., WALDO REED, 80.

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He and She.

He was barely two-and-twenty,
She was only seventeen;
He of budding hopes had plenty,
She was graceful as a queen.
He had ordinary features
(An unusual affair),
She, the daintiest of creatures,
Was possessed of golden hair.

He beheld her and was captured,
She admired his manly style;
He professed himself enraptured
In a very little while.
She responded to him shyly,
Love she hardly knew as yet,
For Dan Cupid's very wily
In due way he spreads his net!

He full often went to woo her,
Several times within a week,
And would whisper gently to her
Those soft nothings lovers speak.
She would hearken to him gladly
(Just as maidens always do);
He declared he loved her madly,
(Which was very likely true).

He along the lane was straying
(An occurrence undesign'd),
She was there, engaged in musing,
(Quite promiscuously, mind!)

While Apollo, in his splendor,
Tinted every golden tress,
He exclaimed, in accents tender,
"Be my bride!"—And she said, "Yes."

A LITTLE EVERY DAY.

The longest life is made up of simple days—few or many; but the days grow into years, and give the measure of our lives at the last. The life is at the last what the days have been. Let the children, therefore, look after the days—on day at a time—and put into each one something that will last—something worth doing, something worth remembering, something worth imitating by those who follow us.

1. Every day a little knowledge. One fact a day. How small a thing is one fact! Only one! Ten years pass by. Three thousand six hundred and fifty facts are not a small thing.

2. Every day a little self-denial! The thing that is difficult to do to-day will be an easy thing to do three hundred and sixty-five days hence, if each day it shall have been repeated. What power of self-mastery shall he enjoy who, looking to God for his grace, seeks every day to practise the grace he prays for!

3. Every day a little helpfulness. We live for the good of others, if our living be in any sense true living. It is not in the great deeds of philanthropy that the only blessing is found. In "little deeds of kindness," repeated every day, we find true happiness. At home, at school, in the street, in the neighbor's house, on the play-ground—we shall find opportunity every day for usefulness.

4. Every day a little look into the Bible. One chapter a day. What a treasure of Bible knowledge one may acquire in ten years! Every day a verse committed to memory. What a volume in mind, at the end of twenty-five years!

VALUE OF HEN MANURE.

If all the drippings from the roosts by hens be carefully saved in barrels, and every spring and fall this manure be composted with any good soil or muck from swamps, and kept a few months, its value for any crop is equal to Peruvian guano, and may, I think, be estimated at fifty cents per fowl per annum. From fifty hens I save about ten barrels of the pure hen guano during the year. What I save from November to April, I compost in the spring with soil. First, I spread in a circle, soil, to the depth of three or four inches, then I spread another layer of soil, and then a layer of manure, till the heap is completed, using about four times the bulk of soil that I do manure, the last layer being soil. The top of this compost heap I make flat to catch the rains; then I cover with any refuse or straw, then place some sticks of wood or boards against the covering to keep it in its place, and in two or three months it is ready for use, having become thoroughly incorporated with the soil, but as the planting season is then passed mostly, I leave the heap till the next season, when I use it with what I compost in November. Perhaps it would be better to make a compost in March, where the climate will admit, and use the manure for crops planted the last of May or early in June; but I can discover no loss by keeping it till the next season. A gill of this compost in a hill of corn will be equal in effect to half a shovelful of manure.—Woodbury News.

A young lady who was studying French lately wrote to her parents that she was "invited out to a dejeuner the day before" and was going to a "fete champetre" the next day. The professor of the college was surprised to receive a dispatch from the "old man" a day or two after, saying: "If you can't keep my girl away from the blasted menageries and side shows I will come down and see what ails her."

"Ma," said a thoughtful boy, "I don't think Solomon was so rich as they say he was." "Why, my son, what could have put that into your head?" "Why, the Bible says he slept with his fathers; and I think if he was so very rich he would have had a bed of his own."

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And wreaths that encircled some loved one's head,
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And pictures dim on its sombre wall,
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And the soul within us with wildness yearns
For the things we loved of yore.

WHY I MARRIED THE WIDOW.

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And through her clear complexion shone a great white pearly—a most attractive dower, especially when added to the power.

The widow did please me. In fact, I had always been pleased with Elizabeth, but I had no more thought of loving her than you have, gentle masculine reader; for, in the first place, she was five years my senior, and, in the second place, I was terribly in love with another woman, and the other woman was terribly in love with me.

I haven't any profession, and as my Uncle John left me all his wealth at the time of his death, I don't really need one. Yes, Uncle John left me all his property upon one condition; and as that condition was a very disagreeable one, I have always, since my uncle's death, considered myself a man of property, although the above-mentioned condition was not fulfilled until yesterday.

To understand my uncle's reasons for making such a singular will as he left behind him, it is necessary for me to inform you that he was a bachelor, and knew all about the discomforts of a bachelor's life; but as he didn't begin to realize these discomforts until he became too old—as he thought—to marry, he began to hate himself for not marrying while he was young. And he extended his hate to every other bachelor. So you see he left his wealth to me, provided I married before my twenty-first birthday. But in case I did not, thus forfeiting the property, it was to be equally divided between six old maids who all their lives had been willing to marry, but never had a chance. Now the reader will naturally suppose that I wasn't fool enough to throw away a fortune just for the want of a wife, particularly as I happened to be in love with

"A beautiful and happy girl,
With step as light as summer air,"
who loved me in return, and had already promised to be Mrs. Wadman.

It was a sad mistake on somebody's part that Fanny was born several years before she was, because it was on account of her youth that her mother persisted in fixing upon the very last day that my uncle's will allowed for our wedding.

Yesterday was the day appointed for our wedding. For weeks and months we had been making preparations for that great day. I can't say that Fanny and I busied ourselves much about the preparations, for there was nothing we could do except to sit in the drawing-room and talk about how happy we should be when the time came; for she did love me so, and I loved her so, that we were both untroubled the moment we were out of sight of each other.

Well, the night before last, being the last night, as a bachelor, I should pass on earth, I spent it in the following manner: From seven o'clock in the evening until ten I was with Fanny; we sat on the sofa together. I had one arm around her waist, and she had one around my neck, and one of her little hands was in mine, and her beautiful head was on my shoulder. We talked—O, about so many things, and we kissed once or twice, or perhaps twice and a half. Then the little clock on the mantel struck ten, and then I tore myself away from Fanny and went home.

It was just fifteen minutes past ten when I got to the widow's. I went in and found that very charming woman sitting at the piano and singing, "Thou art so near, and yet so far." When I entered the room she looked up at me so lovingly that I really—well, I wished that there was more of me—two or three, for instance. Then we sang "Auld Lang Syne," and a tear bubbled up in the widow's right eye, and rolled slowly and sorrowfully down her beautiful nose.

"Wash," said Elizabeth, (she always called me "Wash," raising her dark eyes to mine, the one, beautiful lashes still wet with a tear or two, "Wash, I suppose this is the last night you will ever pass under my roof.")
"I am thinking you are quite correct in your supposition, Elizabeth," I answered, choking down a sigh, for I was feeling rather blissfully melancholy, and the tones of Elizabeth's voice somewhat aggravated that feeling. She had a remarkably melodious voice. As the poet says:

"Those silvery sounds, so soft, so dear,
The listener held his breath when Elizabeth spoke,
And once or twice I got so red in the face with holding on that I had to ask her to stop and allow me to breathe."

"Wash, I—I hope you will be happy?"
"Yes, Elizabeth, I rather hope so," I said, laying my hand gently on her shoulder.

"But she's very young."

"Yes, but she'll outgrow that, Elizabeth."

For the present it is enough for me to know that she loves me as fondly as I do her."
"I shall be satisfied if she only makes you happy, Washington. But, remember, no matter what may happen, I shall always remain your—your friend," sobbed Elizabeth, burying her face in the finger-board of the piano with a discordant crash, and bursting into tears.

Gentle reader, this was becoming decidedly affecting; and although I am fond of affecting scenes, I objected very strongly to having one on the night before my wedding, in company with such a charming woman as Mrs. Elizabeth Beasley, because I was afraid I might forget myself. So I hurriedly bade her good night, and sought my chamber, leaving the widow to dry her tears with the pedal of the piano.

Now you, my dear fellow, I dare say, did not sleep a wink the night before you were married; but I did. I am not of a nervous temperament, and I had a clear conscience. I was at peace with the whole world. I had eaten a light supper, consisting of a slice of cold ham, with mustard, an oyster stew, some cold boiled cabbage and beef, with a few turnips, carrots, beets, and a spoonful of squash, a slice of dry toast and a cup of tea. So you see there was nothing to hinder my sleeping; and, consequently, the moment my head touched the pillow my eyes closed, and I floated off to the land of dream.

"This morn—the orange-mantled sun
Breaks through the fading gray."

I started from my sleep and rubbed my eyes. My brain was confused, and I stared wildly around me. There was a sickening odor in the room. Where was I? Was this my wedding-day? I could not collect my scattered thoughts. Did I dream still? This was my chamber, and that was the widow's voice I heard in the hall below. Presently there was a knock at the door.

"Who's there?" O, Washington! we have been robbed!"

I arose, half dressed myself, threw on my dressing-gown, and opened the door. Elizabeth gave me one glance at me, screamed, and, turning hastily, rushed down stairs. I followed her, wondering what the matter could be. In the hall I encountered Smith, one of the boarders. He looked at me, and turned as pale as death.

"It's one of the burglars!" he cried. And, with a howl of terror, he burst into the dining-room, and throwing himself from the window, ran down the street, screaming "Murder!"

"Come, Come!" said I. "This thing is played out."

"It's his voice," said the widow, her face once more appearing at the door.

"Whose voice would I have but my own?" I asked, rather testily.

"It's his nose!"

Then she came forward and took me by the hand.

"Oh, Washington!" she cried, beginning to sob; "where—where is your hair?"

Smith, Jones and Jenks came in just then. "It is he," said Smith.

"Yes, it's he," said Jones.

"I'm sure of that nose," said Jenks. "But where is his hair?"

At that instant the cook came up and grasped me by the arm.

"O, Mr. Wadman, where's your hair?"

"You think you're wonderful funny," said I, with a sneer, and a glance that took in the widow, Smith, Jones, Jenks and the cook.

"You think you're playing a nice joke on me, don't you? And I suppose you consider your conduct lady-like, madam? And you think you are a trio of gentlemen, no doubt; but I don't think so."

"Why, the man's crazy!" cried Jones.

"Mad as a March hare!" said Jenks.

"He really thinks he has got a head of—"

But Smith was interrupted by the entrance of my old friend Woodward, who advanced toward me with a serious countenance, and, placing his mouth to my ear, asked in a sorrowful tone of voice:

"Where the deuce is your hair, Wadman?"

"Ere tu Brute!" I cried, tearing myself away from him. And then, bounding up stairs, I rushed into my room.

"Am I mad?" I asked myself; "or are they crazy? My head does feel queer; rather light and airy—decidedly cool, too." I raised my hand to it. "Good heavens! where is my hair?"

Then I ran to the mirror. The sight was too terrible for my head had been shaved clean, and my face painted with iodine and screamed and fainting.

When I awoke to consciousness I found myself reclining in the widow's arms. All the boarders, the cook, the chambermaid, and the waiting-maid were gathered around me.

"O, horrible!" I groaned. "O, Elizabeth, do tell me the meaning of this!" and I placed my hands upon my head.

"Tell him," said the widow; "I can't."

"Why, you see, Wadman," began Smith, "the house was entered last night by burglars. They took all Mrs. Beasley's silver ware, and everything else of value they could lay their hands upon. They took my gold watch, confound 'em! and we suppose that, for the fun of the thing, they gave you chloroform, and then shaved your head and painted your face with iodine."

"And—O, heaven! this is my wedding-day!" And again I swooned.

When I again opened my eyes the company had retired, all excepting Woodward and the widow, who still supported my unprotected pillow.

"'Twas a fiendish outrage!" said the widow.

"Yes," I faltered; "it would have been horrible under any circumstances, but at present how much more so, on this, my wedding-day!"

"The wedding will have to be postponed," said Woodward. "I will go to Mrs. Cordwell's and tell her what has happened."

"No, no; I'll go myself," I cried, starting up.

"What! with that head and face?"

"It's the only head and face I've got to go with; and the wedding can't be postponed. Do you remember my uncle's will?"

"Unfortunately! I had forgotten the will. Yes, the wedding must take place to-day. But will Fanny—"

"Do you think the dear girl fell in love with my hair?" I asked, savagely.

"Go and see," said the widow, leaving the room.

I dressed hurriedly with my friend's assistance, and jamming my hat over my eyes, was about to leave the apartment, when Woodward stopped me with the question:

"Hadm't I better get you a wig?"

"No, I'll go to Fanny as I am. Remember, 'Love looks not with the eyes, but with the mind.'" And so saying I strode out the house and walked proudly down the street, conscious that hundreds of eyes were looking at me, for the news of the horrible outrage had spread from one end of Yazoo to the other, and Fanny had been one of the first to hear it.

When I reached Mrs. Cordwell's door I tarried not to ring the bell, for that had long ceased to be customary with me. I marched boldly into the house, and entered the drawing-room unannounced. Fanny stood before me, but she did not speak; she did not move, and

"You might have thought a form of wax, wrought to the very life was there, so still was she, so pale, so fair."

"Oh, Fanny, darling, speak to me!" I cried, extending my arms to embrace her.

Then she started and shrieked. Her mother rushed into the room and caught her daughter in her arms, and they screamed in concert.

"O, Fanny, dearest, don't yell so! My hair will grow again, and my face will resume its original color before the honeymoon is over."

"So! go!" she screamed. "I can't marry such a fright. Go, and let your hair grow if it will."

"But we must be married to-day, dearest," I urged.

She gave one glance at my face and hairless cranium, and then covered her face with her hands.

"No, no, I really can't marry you to-day. I—renounce you forever. Adieu."

Then she left the room, and I left the house. Returning to my boarding place I met Elizabeth at the door. A world of pity beamed in her beautiful eyes.

"Is the wedding postponed?" she asked, observing my sorrowful countenance.

"Yes—worse. She has discarded me altogether. No woman will marry me now, and to-morrow I shall be a poor man," I said, jamming my head against the door in my rage.

"Are you sure that no woman will marry you, Washington?" Elizabeth asked, and her voice was more musical than ever.

I looked down in her dark eyes. My heart gave one terrible thump as I asked:

"Will you?"

"Yes, Washington."

I pressed her to my heart, and she kissed my shaved head.

"The wedding shall take place this afternoon," I said.

"Yes, love."

Again we embraced.

And now the reader knows why I married the widow. And although I've only been married twenty-four hours, I've thought several times since what a fool I was not to have married her long ago, and in my hair, without the fear of my uncle's will before me.

"WAT WILL THE 'ARVEST BE?"

The dull monotony of the Wilkesbarre court proceedings was enlivened one day last week in the case of the Commonwealth against Dodson, in which the defendant was accused of assault upon a young lady named Hetler, by kissing her against her will. The plaintiff complained that Dodson, "by force of arms, malice aforethought, and instigated by the devil, did then and there violently assault, waylay, &c. She told her story in a plain, straightforward kind of way, to the effect that she was enjoying the evening breezes while leaning over her father's fence, and that William Dodson came along, seized her by the hands, and committed the assault for which she claimed redress at the hands of the law.

A sister of the complainant testified that she did not see the alleged impropriety, because of darkness, and she being in another part of the yard, but she heard a kiss, or something that sounded like a kiss, and knew that something was going on.

Dodson claimed the privilege of being his own witness, and he told the part of the story omitted by Miss Hetler and her sister. He is a jolly specimen of an Englishman. His narrative of the occurrence in which he had become involved runs as follows:

Dodson—"Yer see, yer 'onors, I was walking along, singing 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'"

Gen. McCartney (counsel for plaintiff) disposed to have some fun while confusing the witness—"You were singing 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'" (closely imitating the intonation of the witness.)

Dodson (very compositely)—"Yes, sir, 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'"

Gen. McCartney—"Wat will the 'arvest be?'"

Dodson (unruffled)—"Wat will the 'arvest be?'"

Gen. McCartney—"Well, go on, sir."

Dodson—"Yer see, yer 'onors, I was going along, singing 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'" when I heard Mary singing 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'"

Gen. McCartney—"She was singing 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'"

By this time there were decided evidences of nervousness all over the court room; but Dodson remained as imperturbable as though officiating at a funeral.

Dodson—"Yes, sir. She was singing 'Wat will the 'arvest be?'" but not so loud as I was, and I called out, 'Hallo, Mary, are that you?' and she said it be. I went up to the fence, and she said she were half halone, has 'er father 'ad gone to 'class.'"

Gen. McCartney—"Gone to 'class!'" What did she mean by that?"

Dodson—"Any fool knows what 'class' means. 'Er father 'ad gone to class meeting, and left 'er half halone. We chatted a little, and then—"

Gen. McCartney—"Well, you have heard her testimony. You seized her, pulled her over the fence and kissed her!"

Dodson—"That testimony is false. We talked awhile, and she sort of leaned over the fence—like as if she wanted me to—and just then Satan got the best of me, and I kissed 'er right haw the mouth. I found out 'Wat will the 'arvest be,' and I think she was a heavy prey."

Here the gravity of the court, counsellors and spectators gave way, and seldom in a court of justice has there been such a scene of uncontrollable hilarity. Judge Harding fairly roared himself hoarse with laughter, and all business was suspended for several minutes to allow those in the court room to recover their equanimity. Dodson was acquitted of the charge of assault, but must pay half the costs of the suit as his share of the "arrest."

We gain nothing by being with such as ourselves. We encourage one another in mediocrity. I am always longing to be with men more excellent than myself.—Lamb.

Grown Apart.

One in name yet two in heart,
Slowly, but surely, grown apart;
Saddest of all sad sights to see—
Love from his own sweet bonds set free.

Grown apart—through the lagging years—
Nor smiles, nor sighs, nor molting tears,
Shall call love's rose to the cheek again,
Or thrill the heart with its precious pain.

Growing apart—for evermore—
A canker-worm at the very core,
Shorn of all the sweets of life;
An unloved husband, unloved wife.

Ah! well! they have had their little day,
Some flowers bloom only, and die, in May;
And if these have missed the summer's prime
And ripe fruits of the autumn time;

Knowing only the drought of one,
And falling the other's blis to slum,
There yet may be garnered in each sad heart
Sheaves that have ripened and grown apart.

—Charlotte Lennox.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Boston, Jan. 3

The Journal.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 12, 1878.

The Great Barrington Savings Bank suspended payment on Wednesday, in consequence of a run upon it, caused by a reduction in its rate of interest, having paid out \$60,000 to depositors this month. The State Commissioner examined the bank Thursday and pronounced it perfectly sound.

The value of the United States Life Saving Service is very forcibly shown by its record for the past year. There were during the year 130 disasters to vessels within the limits of the Service, and the estimated value of vessels and cargoes was \$3,293,332. The number of lives saved was 1461, and 39 were lost. Additional stations are needed on the coasts of Virginia, North Carolina and Texas, as well as on the great lakes.

RATHER late in the day to start the cry of "fraud" in the last Presidential contest, with the hope of making political capital out of it, but this is what Montgomery Blair is trying to do. On Tuesday he got the Maryland House of Deputies to refer to a committee a long memorial to Congress setting forth very elaborately his reasons for turning President Hayes out of office. Mr. Blair wants a seat in the United States Senate.

MATTERS are proceeding quietly at the State House, and the Legislative machinery will soon be running smoothly. The committees were announced on Monday. Senator Gilbert of Ware goes to the head of the committee on manufactures, and is also on the railroad committee. Senator Gardner of Palmer is on the committee on public charitable institutions, labor, and probate and chancery. Representative Potter of Palmer is on the committee on pay roll; Spaulding of Brimfield on committee on leave of absence; Greene of Belchertown on library committee. It is proposed to dispense with the Saturday sessions, in the belief that business will be thereby facilitated, and the House has already adopted an order to that effect.

The past year was a favorable one for agriculture in nearly all parts of the country. In New England the apple crop was the only one considered a failure. The aggregate yield of wheat in Wisconsin, Minnesota, Iowa and Nebraska is double that of 1876, and nearly 20,000,000 bushels greater than in 1875. The entire crop promises to exceed that of 1876 by 70,000,000 bushels, leaving 100,000,000 bushels for exportation, with a surplus remaining above the actual requirement for consumption. Other crops have generally been good. The estimated yield of cotton is 4,500,000 bales, and that of tobacco 440,000,000 pounds. The season was unfavorable for fruits of most kinds, but the products of the dairy were abundant and the prices good.

VICTOR EMANUEL, King of Italy, died at Rome Wednesday of malaria, after a brief sickness, and his eldest son, Prince Humbert, succeeds him on the throne. Victor Emanuel was born March 14, 1820, and in March 1849 succeeded his father as King of Sardinia. Aided by France in 1859 he expelled the Austrians from Lombardy, and in the following year he struck a fatal blow at the temporal power of the Pope, gaining control of most of the papal states, and was in 1861 proclaimed King of Italy. Venice was ceded to Italy as a result of the Austro-Prussian war of 1866, and in 1870 Victor Emanuel established his capital in Rome, thus completing his kingdom. Though not above reproach in private life, his rule was wise and progressive, and of incalculable benefit to his people, by whom he was greatly beloved. His son Humbert is said to resemble him in appearance and character, as well as in popularity.

CONGRESS reassembled, after its holiday recess, on Thursday, the members coming in fresh from rest and recreation. All sorts of rumors have been gathering concerning the President; some to the effect that all would be harmony between him and the Republicans, others that he would be attacked severely and the scandals of his Southern policy be revived. Very likely there will be something of that sort before the winter is over. The Republicans feel that the President has slighted them, and listened to the advice of Democrats for the sake of appeasing their anger at his elevation to the Presidency. They also feel that this course is injurious to the Republican party, and shows an ingratitude not calculated to promote harmony. There have been promises of reconciliation, yet we have no signs of that just at present. Something will no doubt soon be developed which will lead to reconciliation or a more decided opposition.

LAST year was a hard one for railroad property in the United States, more roads having been sold under foreclosure than in 1876. Fifty-four roads, with an aggregate mileage of 3875 miles, with bonds and debts amounting to \$119,938,700 and a capital stock of \$79,015,700—a total investment of \$198,954,400—were actually sold under foreclosure in 1877. Sixteen other roads, with a mileage of 1387 miles and bonds, capital stock, etc., amounting to \$255,755,300, were ordered sold during the year, but have not yet been disposed of. Moreover, proceedings in foreclosure were instituted during the year against 44 railroads, with an aggregate mileage of 5109 miles, with bonds, debts and capital stock amounting to \$820,681,920. The record is bad enough, but not as bad as it might be. During the "flush" times new railroads were built in every direction almost regardless of cost, and many of them through sections of the country where there was not business enough to begin to support them. Now most of these roads have been sold at such figures that their owners can afford to operate them, and about all the roads in the country show an increase in their net earnings during the year.

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 7, 1878.

I have not trespassed on your valuable space for some time, nor would I now, but peace being proclaimed between the contending parties for the sheriffalty, I sympathize with the beaten candidate much, but would prefer defeat rather than be father to the nominations made by the sheriff-elect. Which party Sanderson strove to please, or were the nominations by him made the fruitifying effects of his own imaginative brain, the people of Springfield are still striving to solve. The Republican party three years ago gave Lewis his walking papers and in 1874 the Democratic party showed their utter abhorrence of the man by electing the whole of the democratic ticket with the single exception of Alexander Hiram Gregory Lewis. Since then he has read Blackstone, compromised with his creditors by paying "40," and made two or more feeble efforts, but without success, to be admitted to practice at the bar. Perhaps the ex-councilman from Ward 5 who circulated a petition for his reappointment as deputy can tell to which party he now belongs? There will be one more accession to the Democratic party in the person of S. S. Bumstead, the newly reappointed deputy, as the Republican city committee to whom he formerly belonged prefer his place to his country.

W. S. Miller voted for Samuel J. Tilden, drives a fast horse and is considered a man of fashion. R. S. Johnson is a life time Democrat, owns a farm in Connecticut, but seeing the facilities with which Hamden county deputies make money he, to use a Scripture phrase, thought he would try and do likewise. W. H. H. Blair is one of the many appointed through the influence of others. That he fought nobly for Parks the registers throughout the county bear strong evidence. It might be well in this communication to remind him that a reputation of the returns such as he made on the warrants committing the Browns, Malones, the Scotts and the Marks to Northampton jail would greatly impair his usefulness. Twenty-four dollars, Harry, in excess of fees, is a little too much; but then it is a distinction and not Sanderson. S. C. Spellan, I believe a special correspondent of your paper, will have a chance to expand his lungs by proclaiming in trumpet tones loud enough to wake the sleeping devotes of the court room, "God save the Commonwealth of Massachusetts." How truly it is verified in this case that "a friend in court is better than a penny in the purse!" Were I he, I would prefer the mountain air of Wilbraham, with its clear and limpid streams, and be monarch of my own free will, than to breathe the fetid air of Springfield, partake of its never-to-be-purified waters and beg for favors at the hands of an aristocrat.

A casual acquaintance with the people of Springfield convinces me that were the contest to be again fought over Sanderson's chances would be very doubtful. Both parties are disgusted with the nominations, as well they might be. Perhaps they may look better when uniformed in suits of navy blue. Fine feathers, you know, make fine birds. I long to sit on one of the gallery seats and look down upon the motley crowd inside the sanctuary of justice, they of course looking upon the august person of Hiram Q. Sanderson with awe and reverence. I will finish this letter by expressing a wish that you, Mr. Editor, would at your earliest convenience call and see how the boys in navy blue get along. I have every reason to think that on the start officiousness will be one of their principal elements.

HOLLAND.

The Crispins are making trouble in Lynn, where they will neither work themselves nor allow others to do so if they can help it, and only the firm attitude of the police and the arrest of several of the ringleaders have prevented violence to the "scabs," as the non-Crispin operatives are termed. The manufacturers are determined to free themselves once for all from the dictation of the Crispins, and we hope they will succeed.

Our four per cent. bonds, which were expected to be sold extensively abroad, have been sent back, and are now to be offered at home. Does the Government expect we are bigger fools here than the people are in Europe? As long as money-holders can get 5 per cent. or 4½ in savings banks they will not come down to 4 per cent.

THERE will probably not be much more fighting between Russia and Turkey. The Russians have occupied Sophia, and on Wednesday bagged the whole Turkish army defending the Shipka pass, probably some 12,000 men, and now the Turks want an armistice, which if granted will doubtless result in peace.

APPEARANCES indicate that the United States will make a very creditable exhibit at the Paris Exposition, many more applications having been made already than there is space to accommodate. The first shipment of exhibits will start next month.

EX-PRESIDENT GRANT has got as far as Cairo, Egypt, in his travels, and is visiting the Khedive. He will probably be presented with several of Cleopatra's needles and a pyramid or two before he leaves that ancient country.

Another Huron disaster is reported from Lima. The steamer Atacama, belonging to the Pacific Steam Navigation Company, went to pieces on a rock a short distance south of Caldera, on the Chilean coast, on the night of the 30th ult. The captain, all of the officers and many of the crew and passengers were lost. In all, it is estimated that 101 persons were drowned and 29 saved. The ship was on a voyage from Valparaiso to Callao. She was commanded by Captain Lambirth, well known on the coast, and was well officered. The accident occurred at 8 P. M., when the passengers were below, and so instantaneous was the breaking up of the ship that no time was given to gain the deck. The rock is well known, and no satisfactory explanation of the cause of the disaster is given.

Mr. Marshall, the first discoverer of gold in California, still lives at Coloma, in that State. In this place he made his great discovery thirty years ago, and has remained there ever since. He made a fortune in mining, but has spent nearly all of it, and is now a comfortable cultivator of grapes.

Thurlof Weed cut an ugly gash over his left eye by a fall on the pavement in New York Tuesday evening.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

Coal bills must be settled at once. Third and last call. J. F. Holbrook.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

The sleighing is good—for nothing.

The January thaw seems to have arrived. The Cong. church is receiving a new coat of paint.

The 2d Cong. Church held its annual meeting Friday afternoon.

Freight business is very dull just now on the Boston & Albany road.

Senator Gardner boards at the United States Hotel when in Boston.

The Palmer Lyceum will resume its exercises next Thursday evening.

Judge Allen and daughter started for New York yesterday, and will sail for Nassau today.

The Boston & Albany railroad have ordered 2000 tons of steel rails for their repairs this year.

Washburn's Last Sensation, with lots of new attractions, at Wales Hall this (Saturday) evening.

A. W. Wilder has opened a harness shop in the room recently vacated by Mason, the barber.

The Palmer branch of N. P. Pierce & Son's Warren shoe store, in the Nassawanno block, is closed.

Mr. and Mrs. Louis Colburn were presented with a handsome easy chair by some of their friends, at the Dramatic Club rooms Monday evening.

The farm in Brimfield known as the "Ballou place," belonging to A. V. Blanchard & Co., was sold at auction last Saturday to Mr. Harwood of Brimfield, for \$600.

The Antique parlors were the scene of a pleasant gathering, despite the storm, Thursday evening, of the Young People's and Ladies' Societies of the 2d Cong. church.

Neighborhood prayer meetings at Hubbard Lawrence's Monday evening and at Deacon Brainerd's Wednesday evening, were the only extra meetings in this, the Week of Prayer. Monday and Tuesday were cold enough to suit the most anxious ice men. Thermometers in different localities hereabouts stood at from 10 to 20 degrees below zero in the morning.

The corporators of the Palmer Savings Bank hold a meeting Monday at 2 p. m., to elect officers; and the National bank stockholders meet for the same purpose on Tuesday.

H. A. Northrop has scraped the snow off from his ice ponds this week. Some people hereabouts have already commenced filling their houses with good clear ice, which averages about eight inches thick.

One of our subscribers up in Barnardston in renewing his subscription asks us to send our "light of the world as usual to the dark corners away up amongst the hills, where we hear the billows dash on the rocks of Turner's Falls."

A new fast mail train is to be put on from New York to Boston beginning Feb. 1, leaving New York at 5 a. m., reaching Palmer a little before 10, and Boston at 12.20. This will give us the New York papers about four hours earlier.

M. Fox, at his new store in Converse's block, is again ready to serve up his "old-fashioned stews," which so delight the hearts and tickle the palates of epicureans. Call and see him this (Saturday) evening, —and at any time thereafter.

We vote antelope eating A No. 1, and give our decision from having eaten a couple of steaks from one sent to Mrs. C. E. Dewey of this place, by Lieut. Geo. H. Palmer, 16th Regt., U. S. A., at Fort Wallace, Kansas, who has the fun poetical of "Chasing the antelope over the plain."

The scholars of the high school made a surprise visit to their retiring Principal, E. G. Baldwin, at his rooms last Saturday evening, and Samuel S. Parks in their behalf presented him with an elegant bronze ink-stand and gold pen and holder, as a slight testimonial of their esteem and good wishes for his success in his new field of labor.

George W. Wilcox, the photographer, who removed here from Stafford, a short time since, has lost two children, Ida and Harry, by diphtheria, since the new year came in, another is not yet out of danger, while a lady, another in Central street who was innocent in caring for them is quite ill with the same malady. A daughter of Joseph Thompson, was buried Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Perlin S. Turner of Greenville, Montclair Co., Mich., were visited by fifty or more of their friends and acquaintances on the evening of the 31st ult., the 20th anniversary of their marriage, and presented with a handsome bed-room toilet set. "Perlin" is well known in this vicinity, and is a son of the late Col. Elias Turner of Palmer, and brother of E. M. Turner of the Tockwotton House.

Merriam & Frost, leather dealers and surgical manufacturers in Springfield, have called a meeting of their creditors. Their liabilities are \$25,081, and their assets, reckoned at cost, \$38,455, principally in real estate, the great depreciation of which is the cause of their embarrassment. Mr. Merriam, the senior partner, was for many years a currier in this village, where he has many friends who will sympathize with him in his misfortune.

Real estate transfers the past week: Hiram Newton to Cyrus Truesdell and Dwight King, land in Monson, \$500; Thomas McEvoy of Springfield to Thaddeus G. Carey, Jr., of Monson, farm in Monson, \$800; Salem I. Wales of New York to Willie Royce of Wales, real estate in Wales, \$5500. Mortgages: W. W. Cross of North Bridgewater to Palmer Savings Bank, real estate in Palmer, \$5000; L. B. Charles of Monson to Maria Thompson of Stafford, Ct., farm in Monson, \$800.

The labors of "spotter" Davis in this place were rather thrown away, as the district attorney declined to prosecute the liquor sellers on his evidence, and their cases were dismissed on payment of costs. By appealing to the superior court, the parties saved the \$900 or so in fines imposed on them by the district court. The case of C. H. Goff of Palmer, charged with lascivious cohabitation, was also dismissed on payment of costs, he having married the woman.

The favorite actress, Amy Stone, will appear at Wales Hall, next Friday evening in the 5-act play, the "Pearl of Savoy, or the Mother's Prayer." The San Francisco Chronicle says: "Baldwin's Academy of Music was crowded last night to witness our time-honored favorite Amy Stone in the Pearl of Savoy. There is one peculiarity in her notice in this play, that the interest increases from act to act, each becoming more absorbing than its predecessor until the final grand climax at the

finish." Reserved seats for sale at Appleton's drug store.

VITAL STATISTICS FOR 1877.

The hard times of the past two or three years seem to have affected not only the people's pockets, but to have been still more far-reaching in their influences, for the number of births in Palmer show a steady falling off since 1875, when the highest number, 152, was reached. In 1876 there were 110, and last year there were 103. Of this number 52 were males, 46 females, and in five cases the sex is not given. The parents of 37 of the number were American and of 46 foreigners, and in 17 cases the children were of mixed parentage. January had the smallest number of births, 4; and June and November had 12 each.

There was also a falling off in the number of marriages, which perhaps partly accounts for the smaller number of births, there being only 56 marriages last year against 70 in 1876 and 73 in 1875. In 32 cases the contracting parties were both American-born, in 16 cases foreign, and in 8 they were "half-and-half." It was the first marriage of each party in 40 cases; first of husband and second of wife, 6; second of husband and first of wife, 9; second of each, 4; third of husband and second of wife, 1. The youngest groom was 20 and the oldest 65; the youngest bride was 16 and the oldest 68. One groom was 22 years older than his bride, and one bride 13 years the senior of her husband. The bride was the oldest in 7 cases. There were 6 marriages in January; Feb., 1; Mch., 2; Apr., 5; May, 2; June, 5; July, 4; Aug., 5; Sept., 8; Oct., Nov., and Dec., 6 each. Rev. F. J. Lynch united 20 couples, and his assistant, J. H. Kelley, 3, and the other clergymen in town as follows: Rev. B. M. Fullerton 9, C. T. Johnson 5, C. E. Eaton 3, Philip Berry and C. A. White 2 each, W. R. Tisdale, E. A. Goddard, M. C. Tracy and Chas. Scott 1 each.

There were 86 deaths, the largest number in many years, which is accounted for by the terrible ravages of diphtheria. In 1876 the number of deaths was 68, and 174 in 1875. Fifty of the deceased were females and 36 males. Diphtheria carried off 23, consumption 18, cholera infantum, croup, measles and old age 3 each, heart disease and dropsy 2 each, cancer, child-birth, drowning, fits, general debility, pneumonia, rheumatism and general debility, 1 each. In 16 cases the cause was not reported. In January there were 9 deaths; Feb., none; Mar., 5; Apr. and May, 6 each; June, 12; July, 11; Aug., 4; Sept., 12; Oct., 9; Nov. and Dec., 6 each. The ages were as follows, the oldest person being 91:

Under 1 year.....	13
Over 1 and under 10 years.....	31
" 10 " " 20 ".....	8
" 20 " " 30 ".....	5
" 30 " " 40 ".....	5
" 40 " " 50 ".....	4
" 50 " " 60 ".....	4
" 60 " " 70 ".....	7
" 70 " " 80 ".....	1
" 80 " " 90 ".....	1
" 90 " " 100 ".....	2

Jenksville has street lights. There were 21 births, 10 marriages and 15 deaths in town in 1877.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Next Tuesday evening there will be a concert and lecture at the Methodist church, the subject of the lecture being "Worship in Song," by Rev. J. Neal, illustrated by selections from favorite pieces performed by the church choir. At the close there will be an oyster supper in the vestry.

Pickering fishing through the ice has been quite a success, as several large strings have been taken.

The cornet band will give a concert and festival next Wednesday eve in the church vestry. An oyster supper will also be served. Mr. Bartlett, who has been running the grist mill for the past two or three months, has retired and is succeeded by Mr. Nathan Bond.

WALES.

Mrs. James Carlton has bought out Miss Tilden's millinery and fancy goods store in Haradon's block, where she is prepared to fit the latest style hat or bonnet. Don't fail to visit her before purchasing. Ex-Sheriff Randall sold a part of the Smith Co.'s assets the 2d, and adjourned the sale one week. It is a slim look for creditors, there not being more than two or three hundred dollars' worth of material to pay some four thousand or more of debts.

T. & S. D. Cowles, carriage manufacturers, have reduced the pay of their help 20 per cent.

George Fisher and Charles Snow caught fifty pounds of nice pickerel on the Duckville pond last Wednesday.

L. F. Mellen of West Springfield delivered the third lecture in the Cong. church Thursday evening on "Life in Paris, and Incidents of Foreign Travel."

The Cong. church on Tuesday re-elected C. L. Washburn deacon for eight years, and chose the following officers: clerk, Rev. P. W. Lyman; treasurer, C. L. Washburn; prudential committee, Harrison Root, Ephraim Montague, Loman A. Smith, C. B. Southwick and T. W. Chapman.

Mrs. E. M. Ellis has commenced cleaning the hotel this week.

The sleighing was improved by quite a number the first of the week.

Thermometers stood 12 degrees below zero Monday and Tuesday mornings.

A petition to have all the dogs in town muzzled within ten days is being circulated.

Miss F. L. Willard of Chicago lectured in the Memorial church last evening on "Everybody's War."

C. E. Peck has put the rods on the church and drawn the walls part way back to their original position.

The question of who shall be postmaster is being agitated. Mrs. Hempstead, the present incumbent, and Geo. W. Ely are candidates for the place.

There will be a concert and lecture at the Methodist church in Glendale next Wednesday evening. The lecture will be given by Rev. Jonathan Neal. Subject, "Worship in Song," illustrated with music and singing, which will be conducted by J. W. Bennett, Esq. of Collins Depot. The supper will be provided by the ladies, and a good time is anticipated.

There are in all small towns a few discontented persons who seem to take delight in stirring up discord, broils and contentions among the people, either in religious, political or civil life. Brimfield is not entirely destitute of such persons. For some months past the report has been going the rounds in certain church circles that the preaching of their pastor was not acceptable to the church and society, for reasons best known to themselves, that were carefully concealed, and intimations were thrown out that his resignation would be received, or that he had better retire and give place to another who would be acceptable to everyone and nobody. Some of the society were induced to find out the true state of affairs, and canvassed the whole town, visiting those who attend church, and got their autographs to a paper in favor of the

reverend gentleman's remaining in his present position, and the result is, that more than nine-tenths of the society were in favor of his remaining, thus distancing the croakers beyond redemption. It is hoped that peace and harmony will be the result of the investigation for all coming time.

The reception and levee held at the residence of Porter A. Parker on the 3d inst., was one of unusual prominence in the annals of Brimfield. A large number of invitations had been issued, and the house was filled from seven o'clock to eleven with a select company of prominent citizens and their ladies, who came to welcome the fair bride to her new home among the residents of Brimfield. The large mansion was brilliantly illuminated, and the arrangement of the furniture and tapestry gave evidence of the superior taste and good judgment of the new mistress. There were about one hundred and fifty respondents to the invitations, and as the visitors arrived they were received in the hall by a prominent gentleman of the village who ushered them into the reception room where the groom was waiting to present each separately to the bride, who stood in her bridal robes to receive them, which she did in a graceful and dignified manner. At 9 o'clock the reception over, and the guests in the hall, the bride and groom were announced. The most peaceful mood, unexcelled in the history of the town, was the production of a master hand. It was one of the most distinguished gatherings ever held in Brimfield, bringing together all the prominent citizens of the town and suburbs. The ladies were conspicuous, with smiling faces and sparkling eyes. The dress of the ladies was plain, neat and tasty, with no attempt at unnecessary display. The reception must have been extremely gratifying to the two sisters of the bride, who came to the evening's festivities, and they will join in their homes with the pleasing recollection that in her new sphere of duty, their sister has gained a friend and protector that will doubly recompense them for their loss; and may happiness attend both parties through life is the sincere wish of mutual friends.

WEST WARREN.

The mercury registered from 8 to 14 degrees below zero Monday morning.

W. S. Beeching has opened a fish and oyster market in the basement of Hall's block.

A string band of six pieces has been organized with M. F. Clark of Springfield as teacher.

The week of prayer has been observed by both churches, by holding meetings every evening in the respective places of worship. Miss Tillie Magowney has resigned her position as assistant in the post office and will be succeeded by Miss Belle Blodgett of Worcester.

J. C. King & Bro. have sold their stock of dry goods and groceries to H. P. & J. S. Holden of Palmer, who reopened the store this week.

Dr. J. P. Bixby, who recently settled here, is meeting with deserved success. His references and recommendations are unusually good.

The Methodist Sunday school elected A. P. Adams as superintendent last Sunday, and will choose the other officers to-morrow. The school is prosperous under a recently-adopted constitution.

The water is getting quite low in the river and there is a prospect that the Warren Cotton Mills will soon be obliged to increase their supply by drawing from the Wickaboag reservoir at West Brookfield.

Eight persons joined the Cong. church last Sunday, making seventeen in all that have been added during the pastorate of Rev. A. H. Somes. The church has deacons, R. E. Blair and E. P. Clark as deacons, and C. P. Crossman and C. B. Elwell as church committee.

Colin Cutter Post 99, G. A. R., has elected these new officers, as commander-elect Henry H. Hitchcock declined to serve: Commander, Edwin Rycroft; S. V. C., George Bliss; J. V. C., J. B. Brown; adjutant, Samuel D. Smith; quartermaster, C. N. Gilbert; chap., James McEwen; surgeon, Marcus M. Henneberry; officer of the day, Charles E. Knight; officer of the guard, F. N. Simons; Q. M. S., F. L. Harmon; S. M. H. H. Hitchcock. The post has changed the evening for holding meetings from Friday to Monday, so that the installation of officers will take place Monday, the 14th, instead of the 11th. And as the meetings are held in Fireman's Hall, the firemen's library will be opened Monday evenings from 6.30 to 7.30, a half hour earlier than usual.

Now is a good time to buy your duster.

The week of prayer has been observed at both of the churches.

Dogs are plenty; and almost everybody wishes there were less of the Monson National Bank were re-elected on Monday.

Arba Squier has the addition to Towne's block raised, and will speedily finish it.

J. C. Meguire contemplates building a new dwelling house on his High street lot.

Hatch, the fish man, reports success in business, and our citizens can but support home trade.

The tramps complain that too many rats in the lock-up disturb their otherwise quiet repose.

Washburn's Last Sensation at Green's Hall Monday evening. Reserved seat tickets can be secured at Phillips's drug store.

Rev. Mr. Lunnis publicly discusses "The Unconscious State of the Dead" at Worcester next Tuesday, with Elder Hemenway of Athol.

Ready-made clothing dealers, stove men and those who have sleighs and sleds to sell are getting discouraged at the near approach of spring.

Prof. B. Lank has been canvassing our town for subscribers to the latest fashion reports, and has had good success, but—next week more.

Rodney Bradway has a hen that has laid two of the smallest eggs for hen's eggs that we have ever seen, not being over half an inch in diameter.

The recent item in regard to the appraisal of damages by loss of sheep has suggested the idea that sheep are worth less when shorn of their wool than before.

At the depot, arrangements for the accommodation of the public are progressing, and soon we shall have as nice convenient rooms as there are on the line of the road.

Merrick, Fay & Co. are employing the usual number of hands in their straw shop, and business seems to be as lively in this branch of Monson industries as in years past.

G. W. Burdick is harvesting an unusually good quality of ice and supplying our citizen's ice houses, as well as securing a larger quantity than heretofore for his retail trade.

Some 18 new buildings were erected in town last year, and although three new houses are going up on Washington street, still it is hard to find tenements enough to supply the demand.

Mrs. J. R. Anderson has lately received a new and varied lot of fancy and domestic goods, which our townswomen can but appreciate, as Mrs. A. means to keep up with the times in all the latest styles.

We are glad to welcome among us Dr. Homer A. Smith, who for the past year has been practicing "the healing art" in Connecticut. He has associated himself with his father, Dr. A. Smith, for the practice of medicine and surgery. May success attend him.

At the guessing to win, in a recent entertainment, a bystander suggested Mark Twain, but he was not here. Probably the current of events kept him in Hartford, or it may be the White air dinner and after speeches modified his ambition to appear in public only by his writings.

The "Murphy" movement has come to town; W. G. McEacham is the dealer in "Eureps," "early rose," and other varieties, and still there is a grand chance for the original Murphy temperance movement; lots would join if the aims and objects were presented as in other places.

There is to be a meeting at Green's Hall, next Wednesday evening at 7 o'clock, to see about organizing a lodge of Odd Fellows in this place. All who have any interest in the foundation of a lodge here are cordially invited to meet and learn the aims and objects of the organization. It is possible that members of the organization from abroad will be present to discuss the feasibility of forming a lodge here.

T. O. McAts' concert troupe gave a splendid open air concert to our citizens one night last week. It is the same troupe so highly spoken of in last week's JOURNAL, and it is understood that most of the towns in New England will be visited. The management of the troupe has secured the services of the ancient and honorable members of the old and only original T. O. McAts, and our citizens can but be delighted—when they have sung their last squall.

WARE AND VICINITY.

The selectmen have revoked A. Donner's liquor license.

The Ware Dramatic Society will play "The Charcoal Burner" at Barre next Wednesday evening, to conclude with a dance.

Dr. Miner's drug store was broken into Friday night of last week and three or four bottles of wine and a few cigars were stolen.

Elijah A. Morse of Canton will lecture on temperance, under the auspices of the Ware Reform Club, at Music Hall, on the 24th inst.

David Gould, who runs the stage between Ware and West Warren, stopped very suddenly this week owing to the foreclosure of a mortgage, greatly to the embarrassment of travelers, and now Mr. Perry of lively fame, has put on a stage, making three trips each way daily.

At the annual meeting of the stockholders of the Ware National Bank the following directors were chosen: Wm. Hyde, Otis Lane and A. Sandford of Ware, Wm. Mixer, Hardwick, N. Richardson, Warren, E. Carey, Enfield, E. Twitshell, Brookfield, Wm. S. Hyde, Ware.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Edward A. and Richard Sparks in Meriden, Ct., were badly burnt and cut by the explosion of a kerosene lamp Monday evening. The latter's recovery is doubtful.

Byron Seely of Boston, a drummer for Stein & Co. of New York committed suicide Monday at the St. Cloud Hotel in New York by shooting. He left a letter to his employers confessing irregularities in business.

Two girls, aged 11 and 15, broke through the ice on a pond near Hyannis on Sunday, and were drowned.

Two little sons of G. A. Horton of Rehoboth, aged 9 and 11, were missing on Monday, and are thought to have been drowned in the reservoir.

Guilford White of Boston, who was convicted several months ago of receiving stolen U. S. bonds, knowing them to be such, was sentenced last Saturday to two years in

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

The Princess of Wales is 33.
—General Sherman declines to lecture.
—Troubles and twins never come singly.
—Mosaic buttons are the most fashionable.
—Satin muffs are adorned with monograms.
—The flowing train supercedes the fan train.
—Mr. Spurgeon suffers tortures from the gout.
—A Western woman never slopes—she slopes.
—Quilted silk skirts are preferred to Balmorals.
—One million postage stamps just fill a Saratoga trunk.
—There are 500 persons in Salem over 75 years of age.
—There is an officer to every eight soldiers in our army.
—Long waists and short skirts gain in favor for children.
—Rich brocades have a basis of silver or gold threads.
—Dr. Schlemmer has recovered 100,000 relics from ancient Troy.
—Queen Victoria's favorite present to ladies is an expensive shawl.
—It is predicted that teaspoons will be a legal tender before Feb. 1.
—During the past year 135 tons of amber were dug up in Prussia.
—R. G. Ingersoll says, "An honest God is the noblest work of man."
—The old Colony railroad is the latest to abolish the free pass system.
—New linen handkerchiefs for gentlemen resemble checker-boards.
—The people of New York city are at the mercy of 3000 steam boilers.
—Senator Patterson says he neither intends to resign or die at present.
—Dio Lewis's latest idea is that feather pillows are killing off mankind.
—"Utilization of margarine" is the genteel name for wall street rascality.
—Colorado's product of gold and silver for the year 1877 was \$7,897,430.
—Midwinter, Conn., has a 4-year-old boy who is an inveterate smoker.
—There is a new college of physicians—look out for em—hypochondriacs.
—"God bless our Boarding-House" is one of the new illuminated mottoes.
—Sir George Airy, the British astronomer, makes the sun 93,321,000 miles off.
—Coral and gold necklaces, of fine and delicate workmanship, are in favor.
—The Berlin Aquarium refused \$12,500 for Pongo shortly before his death.
—France has had 94 Ministers since Sept. 4, 1870 the birthday of the Republic.
—The balance of trade in favor of this country for the last year is \$120,000,000.
—White flannel chemises are fancifully embroidered with cardinal or blue silk.
—Fanny Davenport has a beautiful curl in her lip, and wears her nose banded.
—L. E. Dorion, City Treasurer of Quebec, is a defaulter to the tune of \$35,000.
—Silk-covered caskets are among the prettiest additions to the toilet table.
—New handkerchiefs and glove boxes are of black leather, with silver handles.
—The oldest house in New England is said to be in Guilford, Ct. It was built in 1639.
—"Pug dogs in enamel and gold, with Jewels for eyes, have appeared for sleeve buttons."
—Archibald Gordon of Granville, N. C., is the father of twenty-seven sons by one wife.
—Skirts of felt, moose and mohair are all worn, and in various colors, but red is preferred.
—The Chinese in California refuse to work on Sunday, but spend the day in playing poker.
—An imported feather trimming, made of ostrich-down woven on a surface, is a novelty.
—A Hartford, Conn., newspaper proposes a back-slash show, the prizes to be awarded by ladies.
—Chamois-skin suspenders, stitched in bright colors, are something new in gentlemen's wear.
—Sergeant Von Moll is the tallest man in the army, and has killed 48 Indians with rifle and revolver.
—A little pink slipper with a spray of delicately painted flowers on the toe, serves to hold spoons of thread.
—Queen Victoria is said to have paid off a million dollars' worth of Albert Edward's little obligations.
—It is estimated that holders of stocks in Boston will receive during the month in dividends \$10,000,000.
—Julius Verne is going around the world on his own steam yacht, and will pick his teeth with the north pole.
—Philadelphia is credited with ninety-nine millionaires, of whom the richest is Asa Packard, worth \$12,000,000.
—White bouquets for blondes and red ones for brunettes are fashionable again, after being out of favor for ten years.
—The gold product of the Black Hills for 1877 is thus estimated: From quartz, \$1,500,000; placer mining, \$1,000,000; total, \$2,500,000.
—New traveling bags are in imitation of rustic work. Longwise leather straps form the sides of the bag, and the clasp is rustic.
—Fancy hosiery is constantly increasing in favor. Black, with checks in cardinal, blue, and other gay colors, are the latest. These styles and colors are as much in vogue for gentlemen as for ladies.
The steamer Old Colony, of the New York and Newport line, had a narrow escape last Friday night. When off Point Judith, on her way to New York, the breaking of a steam pipe rendered her helpless, and she was otherwise damaged, and tossed about in the gale until taken in tow by a couple of steamers and towed back to Newport. The wind was off shore, or a fearful disaster would have ensued. Some of the freight had to be pitched overboard.
A cab broke through the ice at Halifax, N. S., Saturday night, and two young women and the driver were drowned.
THE CHRISTIAN UNION, edited by Revs. Henry Ward Beecher and Lyman Abbott, to the advertisement of which we invite particular attention, presents some special features not found in other religious journals. Among these are the sermons of Mr. Beecher each week, the weekly comments on the International Lessons by Mr. Abbott, and a special series of articles, "Sunday-School Normal Work," by Rev. J. H. Vincent, D. D., the well-known "Bishop of Chattanooga," "Letters from my Library," by Rev. S. H. Tyng, Jr., No. 2, "How to Study the Bible," by Rev. Lyman Abbott; No. 3, "Henry Ward Beecher in the West," with steel plate engraving of Mr. Beecher; No. 4, "The Russo-Turkish War," with a map of the seat of war; and No. 5, "The Strike and its Lessons," by Henry Ward Beecher. These are sold for 15 cents each, or any two for 25 cents.
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The Sermon of Henry Ward Beecher on the subject of future rewards and punishments, concerning which there has been such gross misrepresentation, is published in full in the *Christian Union* (New York) of December 26th. It is entitled "The Background of Mystery."

BABYLAND FOR JANUARY.—A fine double number, full of tiny Christmas stories and lovely Christmas pictures, all in big print, on thick paper, just fifty cents a year. D. LOTHROP & CO., publishers, Boston. One of our exchanges says: "If D. Lothrop & Co., of Boston, publishers of BABYLAND, could have seen the joy the November number carried to the 'little man' who has the privilege of 'taking' the copy that comes to this office, they would doubtless have felt that their magazine for juvenile readers is the publication of all publications for little eyes and ears. It is an 'institution' in families where there are small children."

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MARRIED.

At Palmer, 10th, by Rev. B. M. Fullerton, FREDERICK E. RIPLEY and ESTELLE PARK, both of England. At Wrentham, 1st, by Rev. W. K. Peirce, DAVID W. DORRIS and MARGARET CALLEMAN. At South Wrentham, 2nd ult., by Rev. O. R. Hunt, WILLIE F. DICKINSON and MARTHA E. JENNISON, by the same, WILBUR S. DICKINSON and JENNIE L. G. STIMSON. At Springfield, 3d, ALGERNON M. LOOMIS and ASHLEY HAYES, both of Northampton; 8th, FREDERICK E. RIPLEY and ELLA D. NICHOLS.

DIED.

At Palmer, 1st, IDA, 6, daughter of Geo. W. Wilcox. [Corrected.] At Palmer, 7th, HARRY, 17 months, only son of Geo. W. Wilcox. At Palmer, 8th, ALICE GRACE, 2 yrs. 2 mos. and 25 days, youngest daughter of Joseph Thompson and Mrs. A. M. FOX, of New York City. 5th, OLIVER WILSON, 50.

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REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE MONSIEUR NATIONAL BANK, at Monson, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, December 28th, 1877.
RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$151,740 79
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 70,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 16,323 00
Due from approved reserve agents, 16,943 02
Due from other National Banks, 5,500 00
Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 1,700 47
Current expenses and taxes paid, 4,783 42
Checks and other cash items, 516 22
Bills of other Banks, 516 22
Fractional currency (including nickels), 530 00
Specie (including gold treasury certificates), 1,971 00
Legal-tender notes, 550 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent. of circulation), 550 00
Total, \$303,586 35
LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in, \$150,000 00
Surplus fund, 30,000 00
Undivided profits, 65,722 07
National Bank notes outstanding, 142,375 00
Dividends unpaid, 555 00
Individual deposits subject to check, 13,435 54
Demand certificates of deposit, 750 40
Due to other National Banks, 750 40
Total, \$303,586 35
State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden, ss: I, E. F. MORRIS, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
E. F. MORRIS, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this 7th day of January, 1878.
R. E. REYNOLDS, Justice of the Peace.
CORRECT—Attest: CYRUS W. HOLMES, R. S. MUNN, JOSHUA TRACY, } Directors.

REPORT OF THE CONDITION OF THE PALMER NATIONAL BANK, at Palmer, in the State of Massachusetts, at the close of business, December 28th, 1877.
RESOURCES.
Loans and discounts, \$98,783 39
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation, 75,000 00
Other stocks, bonds and mortgages, 12,580 00
Due from approved reserve agents, 1,900 00
Real estate, furniture and fixtures, 398 17
Current expenses and taxes paid, 233 75
Checks and other cash items, 3,618 00
Bills of other Banks, 42 90
Fractional currency (including nickels), 42 90
Specie (including gold treasury certificates), 5,375 00
Legal-tender notes, 3,375 00
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (five per cent. of circulation), 3,375 00
Total, \$200,810 45
LIABILITIES.
Capital stock paid in, \$75,000 00
Surplus fund, 1,500 00
Undivided profits, 2,175 77
National Bank notes outstanding, 66,500 00
Dividends unpaid, 212 50
Individual deposits subject to check, 58,032 59
Demand certificates of deposit, 6,268 59
Total, \$200,810 45
State of Massachusetts, County of Hampden ss: I, W. A. LINCOLN, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.
W. A. LINCOLN, Cashier.
Subscribed and sworn to before me this ninth day of January, 1878.
S. S. TAPP, Justice of the Peace.
CORRECT—Attest: M. W. FRENCH, JAS. B. SHAW, A. H. WILLIS, } Directors.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—JANUARY 5, 1878.
District Court of Eastern Hampden, in the County of Hampden, George Robinson of Palmer, in said county, plaintiff, and Dewey K. Hickett of Morrisville, Vt., defendant. In an action of contract for the recovery of three hundred dollars, as by writ on file in this court will more fully appear.
And now it appearing to said court that said defendant, at the time of the service of the writ, was not an inhabitant of or resident in this Commonwealth, and that no legal service thereof had been made on him. It is ordered that notice of said court to said defendant to appear at a term of said court to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of February next, or by failing to appear at said court, and that said notice be given by publishing an attested copy of this order, in the *Palmer Journal*, a newspaper printed in said county, and ninety-three cents, for the payment of debts and charges of administration.
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on the second Tuesday of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, against the same.
And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, three weeks successively, in the *Palmer Journal*, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtliff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.
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COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—JANUARY 5, 1878.
To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Samuel B. Gould, late of Brimfield, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, Joshua Tracy, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance to the Probate Court in said county, a true and correct account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on the second Tuesday of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And have, why the same should not be allowed. And said Administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the *Palmer Journal*, a newspaper printed at Palmer, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
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The Last Look.

[The following touching poem by Edwin W. Fuller, of Louisville, N. C., was read upon the death of his little daughter, and is dedicated to his wife. Many of those who have lost little children will fully appreciate it.]

Do not fasten the lid of the coffin yet,
Let me have a long look at the face of my pet,
Please all quit the chamber and pull to the door,
And leave me alone with my darling once more.

Is this little Ethel so cold and so still?
Beat, beat, breaking heart against God's mystic will!

Remember, oh! Christ, thou didst dread thine own cup,
And while I drink mine let thine arm bear me up.

But the moments are fleeting, I must stamp on my brain
Each dear little feature, for never again
Can I touch her, and only God measures how much
Affection a mother conveys by her touch.

Oh! dear little head, Oh! dear little hair;
So silken, so golden, so soft and so fair;
Will I avert my smooth forehead? Oh! help me my God,
To bear this worst stroke of thy chastening rod.

Those bright little eyes that used to feign sleep,
Or sparkle so merrily, played at peep,
Closed forever, and yet they seem closed with a sigh,
As if for our sake she regretted to die.

And that dear little mouth so warm and so soft,
Always willing to kiss you, no matter how oft,
Cold and rigid, without the least tremor of breath,
How could you claim Ethel, oh! pitiless Death?

Her hands, no—'twill kill me to think how they
Through my daily existence a tissue of love;
Each finger a print upon memory's page,
That will brighten, thank God, and not fade with age.

Sick or well, they were ready at every request
To amuse us, "Sweet hands they deserve a sweet rest."
Their last little trick was to wipe "Boopie's" eye,
Their last little gesture to wave us good bye.

Little feet, little feet, how dark the heart's gloom,
Where your pattering is hushed in that desolate room,
For oh, 'twas a sight sweet beyond all compare
To see little "Frisky" rock back in her chair.

Oh, Father, have mercy and give us thy grace,
To see through this frowning the smile of thy face,
To feel that this sorrow is sent for the best,
And learn from my darling a lesson of rest.

A DEPARTMENT ROMANCE.

Posted conspicuously all along the corridors of the Interior Department at Washington is the following notice:

"There are no vacancies in this department. Applicants cannot be seen. Application in writing will be received and placed on file for further examination."

I called the attention of the venerable clerk, who was showing me around and giving me lessons in Civil Service reform, to the notice, and remarked:

"I suppose this is another device got up to deceive people?"

"Yes, it serves the purpose of deceiving applicants to a limited extent, but it was originally got up for the benefit of one person."

"The history of that notice is somewhat romantic, and would be a good subject for a 'yaller kiver.'"

I urged him to give me the story, which he did in nearly the following language:

"Some years ago there was a young clerk occupying a desk near the entrance of the building. He was rather reckless in his character, fond of a joke, and loved an adventure better than he loved wine, which is saying a good deal. One day a young girl, well dressed and aged about sixteen, entered his room and asked if he was the Secretary of the Interior."

"He saw at a glance that she was a simple-minded country girl, and wondering what she could want with the Secretary, determined to find out all about it, and promptly replied in the affirmative. She thereupon told him that she had recently been left an orphan and among strangers; that her father's estate, which was considerable before the war, had been swept away; and that she was penniless and obliged to support herself. She had a good education and wrote a fair hand, and hearing that situations in the departments were frequently filled by ladies she had determined to apply for one for herself."

"The clerk ascertained that she had no backing, but that in her simplicity of mind had come here thinking that no such thing was necessary. He thereupon decided upon a line of action, infamous in design and disastrous in its consequences. Still carrying the idea that he was the Secretary he ascertained her stopping place, and agreed to consider her application and call that evening to inform her of the result. He also cautioned her, on some specious pretext, against talking with others on the subject of her business. He called at the time appointed, and, telling her that there were no vacancies somewhere and advised her to take lodgings somewhere and wait, promising her that he would be back and result can easily be imagined. It was the old, old story. Of course she never got the situation promised, but was put off from day to day and month to month, until finally by a change of the administration, he lost his own situation."

"Overwhelmed by the loss of his position and the consciousness of the infamy of his conduct toward the poor girl, he shrank from telling her the truth; and fearing the consequences of his guilt should it become known, he resolved to conceal his crime by further deception. To this end he had been suddenly called to Europe on important business connected with his department, but that he had left orders to have a place given her as soon as a vacancy occurred; that in the meantime she could always tell by looking at the notices posted on the walls in the department if there was such a vacancy. That night he got several of the above notices printed and surreptitiously posted them up."

"Filled with grief at his sudden departure, and filled with a foreboding of impending evil, she wended her way to the department on her first visit of reconnaissance. She saw the notices, and, overcome with despondency, she for the first time ventured to disobey the injunctions she had received. Entering the office where she first met her deceiver, months before, she inquired for the Secretary of the Interior. She was shown to his room and there the whole secret came out. The scene in that office, when the kind-hearted Secretary revealed the truth, can never be described. Suffice it to say, she was conducted from that room utterly broken in mind and health. The Secretary provided for her immediate necessities, and called the attention of some charitable ladies to her case. For weeks she lay hovering on the brink of the grave with brain fever, and when she arose her mind was gone and her hair was gray. Her betrayer was traced out and forced to contribute to her support, but for the sake of his family the whole matter was kept from publicity. When she was able to go about an attempt was made to

A LITTLE GERMAN STORY.

A countryman one day returning from the city took home with him five of the finest peaches one could possibly desire to see; and as his children had never beheld the fruit before, they rejoiced over them, calling them fine apples with rosy cheeks, soft, plum-like skins. The father divided them among his four children, and retained one for their mother. In the evening they retired to their chamber, the father questioned them by asking:

"How do you like your soft, rosy apples?"

"Very much, indeed, dear father," said the oldest boy; "it is a beautiful fruit, so acid, and yet so nice and soft to the taste. I have carefully preserved a stone that I may cultivate a tree."

"Right and bravely done," said the father; "that speaks for regarding the future with care, and is becoming in a good husband-man."

"I have eaten mine and thrown the stone away," said the youngest; "besides, my mother gave me half of hers. Oh, it tasted so sweet and so melting in my mouth!"

"Indeed," said the father, "thou hast not acted prudently. However, it was very natural and childlike, and displays wisdom enough for four years."

"I picked up the stone," said the second one, "which my little brother threw away, cracked it, and have eaten the kernel; it was as sweet as a nut to the taste; but my peach I have sold for so much money that when I go to the city I can buy twelve of them."

The parent shook his head reprovingly, saying, "Beware, my boy, of avarice. Frugality is all very well, but such conduct as yours is unchildlike and unnatural. Heaven guard thee, my child, from the fate of a miser."

"And you, Edmund?" asked the father, turning to his son, who frankly and openly replied:

"I have given my peach to the son of our neighbor, the sick George, who has had the fever. He would not take it, so I left it on his bed, and I have just now come away."

"Now," said the father, "who has done the best with his peach?"

"Brother Edmund!" the three exclaimed aloud—"Brother Edmund!"

Edmund was still and silent, and his mother kissed him with tears of joy in her eyes.

HOW TO KEEP AN UMBRELLA.

"Len! me yer umbrella a minnit?"

Such was the exclamation of Jones as he rushed into the office of Squire Lickshingle, yesterday.

"Certainly, certainly," said the Squire, laying down his newspaper, and taking a fresh chew of fine-cut; "glad to accommodate you," and he opened a drawer in his desk and began rummaging through his legal forms and blanks.

Jones darted into the corner, seized the green gingham relie, and was preparing to fly with it.

"Stop, stop, stop!" said the Squire, raising his hand majestically; "not too fast, young man. Wait till I make out the necessary papers."

Jones dropped the umbrella. On his corn, of course. After pumping his lame foot up and down, and tying a hard knot in his countenance, and undoin' it again, he echoed:

"The necessary papers!"

"Yes," said the Squire sternly, "the necessary papers," and he continued his search among the blanks.

The right one found, he filled it out in a jiffy and handed it to Jones to sign.

As Jones read the paper his knees knocked together. It was a mortgage on his house and as to security that he would return the umbrella in good order within fifteen minutes, he faltered.

"Why, Squire, I only wanted to borrow your umbrella to run across the street with."

The Squire shoved his spectacles up over his bald spot until they formed two skylights in his intellectual roof, and looking Jones full in the face, said:

"You only want to run across the street. You'll return it in two seconds. Young man, that's what they all say. I take no stock in it. Man wants but little here below, but, by the Good Samaritan, when he wants his umbrella he wants it. I have known people in my time who have listened to me until their ears came to borrow umbrellas, until she has transformed them into a people with an umbrella between them and the pelting of storms. I am not one of that kind. I have lived a long time. I have accumulated a fortune. Why? For the simple reason that I have not spent my substance in buying umbrellas. That umbrella which you hold in your hand is certainly not of uncommon beauty, nor is it of great value. It is simply a gingham umbrella. A green one at that. But it answers the purpose for which, &c. I have had it since I was a boy. Why? Because no man, neither the son of man, has ever taken it beyond the range of his estate that he would resign it in good condition. It may be worn by his neighbor, but it's business. Here is the mortgage; there is the umbrella; without beats the rain of Heaven. You have your choice," and the old man resumed his newspaper.

Jones thought of his wife and babies and the pleasant home that was all his own. Then he looked at the rain that was pouring at the doors and windows, as if to get in out of the wet. A glance at the new overcoat, and Jones was decided.

"I'll risk it," he said, and, stepping to the desk with measured tread and slow, he clasped his name to the mortgage, and was off with the umbrella.—*Old City Derrick.*

A HAPPY WOMAN.—What spectacle more pleasing does the earth afford than a happy woman contented in her sphere, ready at all times to benefit her little world by her exertions, and changing the briars and thorns of life into roses of a paradise by the magic of her touch? There are those who are thus happy because they cannot help it; no misfortunes dampen their sweet smiles, and they diffuse a cheerful glow around them as they pursue the even tenor of their way. They have the secret of contentment, whose value is above the philosopher's stone; for without seeking the baser exchange of gold which may buy some sort of pleasure, they convert everything they touch into joy. What their condition is makes no difference. They may be rich or poor, high or low, admired or forsaken by the fickle world; but the sparkling fountain bubbles up in their hearts and makes them radiantly beautiful. Though they live in a log cabin, they make it shine with a luster that kings and queens may covet, and they make wealth a fountain of blessings to the children of poverty.

The *Journal of Chemistry* publishes a recipe for the destruction of insects, which if it be one-half as efficacious as it is claimed to be, will prove invaluable. Hot alum water is a recent suggestion as an insecticide. It will destroy red and black ants, cockroaches, chinch-bugs, and all the crawling pests which infest our houses.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Original.

In May or December.

With the songs of my heart, I will praise Him,
That came to me day after day,
A song of thanksgiving I'll raise Him,
If He send me December or May.

When the winds of December are blowing,
My refuge His promise to be,
So I'll praise Him and love Him, well knowing
That the storms are but strengthening me.

As the sapling, that bends at the blowing
Of each sunny south-wind of May,
Grows stronger, so I shall be growing
Through the sunshine or storm of each May.

Till at last, like the oak in the clearing,—
Like the house that is built on a rock,
I can brave the wild storm without fearing,
I can baffle the hurricane's shock.

Or, if only the sunshine he sends me,
And the soft gentle dew of His grace,
For each foretaste of heaven he sends me
I'll give Him thanksgiving and praise.

Then I'll welcome the storms of December,
And welcome the sunshine of May;
And His promise to me I'll remember:
"As thy strength is, so shall be thy day."
LOUIS A. HODGKINS.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Boston, Jan. 10, 1878.

I think nothing has excited more discussion both in professional and social circles, than Mrs. Mary Clemmer's attack on Miss Clara Louise Kellogg. I have used the wrong word; I ought to have said indignation. The "discussion" is confined entirely to Mrs. Clemmer and Mr. Strakosch, Miss Kellogg's manager, who comes to her defense in a spirited manner, that wins for him the gratitude of all the prima donnas friends, and they are legion.

For Miss Kellogg's own sake, I am glad the letter, in which she was so violently assailed, was sent to Boston where she is well known, and consequently where it could do her the least harm, rather than to any other city, where she is personally a comparative stranger. This attack is utterly uncalled for; if there is any one artist who has done more than any other to elevate her profession, and to win respect for its members, it is Miss Kellogg. Slander has never assailed her in any form; she is recognized everywhere as a true loyal woman, wearing her womanhood regally. No amount of success has turned her sensible head; no adulation has made her disloyal to her better self. She stands a queen among women, as she is the reigning sovereign of the operatic stage.

The wedding of the *Atlantic* and *Galaxy* seems to have been attended with catastrophe. A fire at the Riverside Press last night destroyed the newly printed sheets of the February *Atlantic*, which was to have been the first number after the union. We shall have to possess our souls in patience a little while longer, before we can see the first number of the double magazine. That fire came near being a very disastrous one; it was only prevented by the coolness and presence of mind of one man, a workman in the building, who rushed through the smoke and flame and closed the iron doors that led to the apartment in which the fire originated, thus confining it to that one room.

Would you believe that lecturers were fallible, or have you such faith in the race that you take everything they say for gospel, especially if they write "Reverend" before their names? A lady of my acquaintance who has spent some time abroad and who traveled with both eyes open—as so many tourists don't travel—attended a series of lectures on Pompeii, given this winter by a gentleman who has acquired quite a reputation as a delineator of foreign countries, their costumes, etc. She had been at Pompeii herself and was amazed at several misstatements which he made with an air of positiveness which almost staggered her.

He tried to defend himself, until, when question after question was put to him which he could not answer, he lowered his voice and said, "My dear Madame, I'm free to confess, I never was there." And this man has for two years been quoted as reliable authority. All lecturers are not like that, I'm happy to say, for the honor of the profession, which I regard very highly, but there must be charlatans in this as in every other pursuit.

Estes & Lauriat have in preparation another novel, "The Nabob," by Alphonse Daudet, which, I think, even superior to "Sidoine," being constantly thrown off by the skin, lungs, and kidneys, it must be continually renewed, and it is therefore an essential alimentary principle, and more necessary to our existence than even solid food.

Pliny states that the coffins in use among the Romans are generally of stone. In some cases it was made of a certain stone from a district in Trons, which had, or was believed to have, the peculiar faculty of destroying all the body, the teeth excepted, in forty days. Hence the name "sarcophagus," which literally means flesh-eater. This stone was probably a species of limestone.

Gen. Sherman is known to be reticent, but interviewers still keep calling on him, owing to a bad habit he has fallen into of asking, with thoughtless generosity, as soon as a reporter shows himself, "Young man, will you take brandy or grasshopper juice?"

Two gentlemen were debating the character of a mutual acquaintance. Said one, "You must admit he has lots of moral principle." "Well," retorted the other, "he ought to have, for he never uses any."

It is related that deaf persons, who have great difficulty in hearing ordinary speech, find that by applying the telephone close to the ear they can hear even a whisper with distinctness.

He was from the country, and he came to town for the first time. He looked at the telegraph wires, he said: "Why do you make your wire fences so high?"

"Forgoes" was the word put out at a written spelling exercise, by one of our city teachers recently. And one little boy handed in: "Go, go, go, go."

A great step is gained when a child has learned that there is no necessary connection between liking a thing and doing it.

Not he who has little, but he who covets much, is the poor man.—*Seneca.*

NO RUBBING IT OUT.

While they were resting from work at noon yesterday, Amos said:

"I heard'er or white man readin' in de paper dis mornin' dat fokes wuz 'batin' now whudder dere wuz enny hell or not!"

"Shuells!" said old Si; "you'se got dat wrong eend fo'must, sho!"

"No, sah; dat wuz what he red in de news-paper!"

"Whudder dere wuz enny hell?" repeated Si.

"Yas, sah; whudder when er man give out hyar he went ter hell, er jess dissolved ter dus' agin!"

"Look heah! I don't want no 'spite wid nobody, but ef any man come foolin' round me wid dat sorter skriptur, he's gwine ter heah me git up yander inter shoutin' tones!" said Si.

"Why is dat?"

"Kase taint gwine ter do! Yer jess make a niggah belebe dar aint no heanarter an' see whar yer comes ter. Every secon' house 'll be er court-house, an' de houses 'twixt em 'll be jail-houses. Ilt's mighty hard ter keep 'em straight now wid der sheriff an' hell bwo afore dar eyes."

"Den you'se on de side ob de fiah an' brimstone?"

"You'se right, honey! Ef you tink you'se gwine ter be de dis world ter play snowball gemweh you'se wrong. Dar's er warn place jess beyant heah for de managers ob de freed-man bank an' chicknifiters ginrally, else I'se gwine ter swap my hymn-book fer er pack er kyards."—*Atlanta Constitution.*

HOW TO IRON LINEN.

Put a piece of mutton tallow the size of a filbert into the starch when boiling—butter will do, but is not so good; or, stir it for a moment with a sperm candle. It is taken for granted that the housekeeper knows how to make starch, but it will do no harm to drop the caution not to have it too thick. The clothes should be put in the hot starch when wet from the last water of the wash. After drying, and about half an hour before ironing, wet the shirt bosoms, collars, cuffs, etc., in cold starch, to give them an extra stiffness. They should not be dried after the cold-starching, but rolled tightly in a dry towel, and ironed soon. The irons must be smooth and not too hot. A piece of beeswax rubbed on the hot iron, and then cleaned off by a few vigorous rubs on a piece of old cloth, will add to the smoothness and polish of the surface. To give an "extra shine" to the clothes, rub the starched surface quickly with a damp (not wet) cloth, after it has been well ironed, and pass a cool iron over it several times, pressing hard as it is done. Polishing irons are used for this purpose in laundries, but a good deal of "elbow grease" is required to use them

The Journal.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 10, 1878.

GOLD took another downward step Tuesday, falling to 101 7-8, the lowest point since April 29, 1862, four months after the suspension of specie payments.

QUEEN VICTORIA opened Parliament in person Thursday. She wants an appropriation to prepare for war, so as to scare Russia into moderate demands in making peace with Turkey.

BEN BUTLER is pretty mad because of the attitude of the National banks on the Silver bill, and threatens them with dissolution if they dare combine to oppose a law of Congress, in case the bill should pass. This will doubtless quiet them.

NEW YORK spent about \$660,000 on the new State House at Albany last year, and the Commissioners want \$1,800,000 more to get a part of it done so the Governor and Legislature can occupy it next year. The structure promises to be about as expensive a luxury to the State as the Hoosac Tunnel has been to Massachusetts.

THERE is great distress among the English miners in South Wales, owing to the lack of employment. Men work occasionally a day, living on a slice of bread or a piece of raw cabbage, and women go without food for two days at a time that their children may have a morsel, while the work houses are crowded and the poor rates are far short of the demands.

WE are a scribbling set of people, and that propensity continues to increase. The post office department notes the fact of a large increase since the last quarter, as some 200 offices have gone up to what are known as Presidential offices, or rather offices where the President appoints the postmaster. It is also noted that the South is increasing its correspondence, which is a good sign for that part of Uncle Sam's territory.

THERE was a large falling off of immigration last year, owing no doubt to the continued hard times. The immigration during 1877 was 17,000 less than in 1876, and in 1876, 13,000 less than in 1875; in 1875 it was 55,000 less than in 1874. In the past twelve years the influx of foreigners reached its highest point in 1872, its lowest point last year; in the first named year the total number of arrivals was 294,000, in the last named it was 54,000.

IT is announced that the coal producers have at last agreed upon a satisfactory apportionment of the amount to be produced by each company, and they are quite happy over the prospect of a combination that will add materially to their profits. The Philadelphia and Reading railroad company is to furnish 5,725,000 tons, out of the total of 20,000,000 tons to be mined this year, and the Lehigh Valley road furnish the next largest amount, 3,950,000 tons.

TUESDAY'S railroad accident in Connecticut was the first serious one in ten years; but it will not be the last, if the fatal bridge was a fair specimen of other railroad bridges in that State. It is generally supposed that bridges of this description are made to support a whole train of locomotives if necessary, but here was one which went down under the not unusual weight of two locomotives and three or four well-filled passenger cars. The beams were all sound—the bridge was simply too frail. Ought not somebody to be held rigidly responsible for thus trifling with human lives?

STATISTICS show that in all civilized countries the number of suicides is increasing yearly, as is also the wear and tear of life. This is not strange, when we consider how apt men are to bury themselves in business, carrying it with them wherever they go, to the exclusion of all recreation and pleasure. In this way the human mechanism soon gets out of order and is prematurely wrecked. Every man should studiously seek to acquire the ability to leave all care and anxiety behind him when he leaves his business office for the day, and he will find ample recompense in the increased mental and bodily vigor which he will bring to his daily duties. In addition to this, he should regularly once a year or oftener leave his work entirely for a season, and find in an entire change of scene and surroundings the renewed strength and energy which will come in no other way so quickly. Doing this, and paying due regard to hygienic laws, there is no reason why a man should not live to a green and peaceful old age.

FRANCIS MURPHY began a week's temperance work in Springfield last Sunday, and daily noonday meetings have been held in one of the churches, with evening meetings at City Hall, which has proved all too small for the immense audiences, which have packed the hall long before the opening hour. He has already secured over 2000 signatures to the pledge in the city. The secrets of this reformer's remarkable success are earnestness, charity and good sense. He invites the cooperation of all temperance workers; he repels no advances; he makes no enemies; he does his work quietly, and draws all classes around him. The result of his labors in Troy, N. Y., are something remarkable. More than 21,000 people in that city have signed the pledge, and as a result of the movement in Northern New York over 70,000 signatures have been secured and 300 saloons have been closed, while the work still goes on. Westfield, Chicopee, and other places are experiencing quite an awakening, and the work is fast extending.

John Collins, a New York cotton broker, has absconded with \$100,000.

DEATH OF SAMUEL BOWLES.

It is with more than ordinary feeling the general public will hear of the death of Samuel Bowles of the Springfield *Republican*. His name has become familiar in all households, in all public places, where newspapers are read and public affairs are discussed. His rare ability as a journalist, his capacity to treat subjects in a concise, forcible and interesting manner, so that the reader could see all their qualities as if reflected to him in a glass, were traits which few men possess. He was what is termed a self-made man, and, it may be added, a natural born newspaper genius. His theory was to separate the man from the editor and write for others instead of himself. In following this theory he always spoke in private conversation of what "the *Republican* says," not what he had written, or what were the ideas he advocated. It was this trait of character which often made his editorials personally severe upon his best friends, without seeming to consider that they would be estranged thereby. It was this feature which caused many people to sour against him, at times, yet they always found him ready to heartily commend them in anything deserving commendation.

Mr. Bowles was a model of industry and perseverance, and all who were associated with him learned to partake of the same quality. He worked early and late till his health gave out, a number of years ago. He was quite as particular about the typographical appearance of his paper as he was as to what it contained. A slovenly looking newspaper was to him an abhorrence. One morning several years ago we met the late Mr. Robinson, "Warrington," on the steps of the *Republican* office. He had just finished a call on Mr. Bowles. "I declare," said he, "Bowles is killing himself as fast as he can. He will be up half the night looking over his forms after they are ready for the press, to ascertain if the dot on an i or the kern of a y is broken, and the paper cannot be printed till whole ones are substituted." It was this personal care, exercised for many years, though seemingly unnecessary, which has always secured that neat and tidy appearance of the *Republican*. It is but just to say, in this connection, that the almost invariably good appearance of the newspapers in this part of the State owe their enterprise and good taste to the example set by the *Republican*. Like Horace Greeley of the *New York Tribune*, Mr. Bowles was a strong, impressive writer, though less a philosopher; like Bennett of the *Herald*, he was enterprising and had a keen scent for the latest news, yet his editorials were of a higher order and more reliable than those of the *Herald*; like Raymond of the *Times*, he wrote interestingly, and had the faculty of arranging his paper so as to appear neat and new. These men all passed away before Mr. Bowles, and for several years he has been the greatest living journalist in this country. Earnestly devoted to the *Republican*, he had little time to spare for anything else. He published, however, several volumes of his travels in the West, the same having first been published in a series of letters to the *Republican*.

In 1857 Mr. Bowles made an unfortunate venture in Boston, where he thought there was a good field for improvement in journalism. Leaving the *Republican* in charge of Dr. Holland, he united with the Boston *Traveler* one or two other papers, and taking the New York *Tribune* as a model, he started a quarto sheet which was a close imitation of his New York favorite. The Boston press did not take kindly to his enterprise, and those peculiarly interested with him did not share in his enthusiasm; consequently he gave it up after a short experience, and considerable pecuniary sacrifice. "If I could have had the editorial force I had on the *Republican*," said he to the writer, a short time after, "there would have been nothing in the way of success; but they do not prepare men for journalists at Boston as we do in the *Republican* office."

Mr. Bowles died from overwork. He was always busy, and worked day and night till his health gave way a number of years ago. He sought relief by travel in Europe and elsewhere, but with returning vigor he returned to work, and now at middle life he is dead. He was born at Springfield, Feb. 9, 1826; and at his death was nearly 52 years of age. He has been the father of ten children, three of whom died in early infancy. His funeral will be private, but there will be memorial services at the Church of the Unity, on State street, next Wednesday, at 2 p. m., when brief addresses will be made by prominent gentlemen who were acquainted with his life.

Would you like to know what the weather is to be for the next six months, so as not to stop and read "Probabilities" every morning? You have only to carry in mind the predictions of Mr. Vennor, a member of the Government geological survey, who claims to have made but one error in three years, and he reports regularly every six months.

January, 1878, is to be gloomy, wet and foggy; not unlike that of the season of 1875. February will set in severely; more snow than rain, consequently this month will be probably the most wintry-like of the whole winter.

March will bring more snow than rain, during its early part, but the month will end wet with heavy winds, and bids fair to go out exceedingly stormy.

April, May and the first part of June will be very wet, and this wet spring will probably be followed by an intensely hot, muggy mid-summer.

The whole season will be favorable to the increase of throat diseases and fevers; also catch diseases, and I anticipate the approach of Asiatic cholera toward northern latitudes.

A bridge over the Staunton river, on the Richmond and Danville railroad, was swept away last week for the third time inside of two months by a heavy rise in the river.

Alfred Smith, a well-known real estate broker at Newport, R. I., who is reported worth nearly \$2,000,000, is charged with attempting to outrage a Mrs. Fleis a few days ago.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Fine winter weather. The roads are pretty rough. Sleighs are not in fashion this winter. Velocipedes are coming into vogue again. The ice men are picking up courage again. The hay scales have been repaired this week.

The temperance wave has not reached this town yet. Never put off a joke till to-morrow if you can do it to-day.

The corrected post office time table will be found in another column.

There are failures enough now without the ice ever entering the list.

There will be four eclipses this year—two each of the sun and moon.

One of the town's children, 89 years of age, departed this life on Sunday.

There were no services at Wales Hall Sunday evening, owing to the failure of the gas supply.

Park's grocery is being enlarged by internal improvements, which take away the stairs in one corner.

The evening star, Venus, has been noticeably brilliant of late, and on Wednesday could be seen in the day time.

The pupils of Mrs. Crawford will give a pianoforte recital at Union Hall next Tuesday evening. All friends invited.

Monday of this week was the first Monday since last June when our housewives could not dry their washings out of doors.

The Young People's Society met with Henry F. Holden Thursday evening, and a more sociable evening could not have been passed.

L. W. Johnson of Springfield has opened a sewing machine agency in the rooms formerly occupied by F. B. Perkins, in Commercial block.

Rev. C. T. Johnson, of the Methodist church at Four Corners, will preach at the Baptist church Sunday afternoon in exchange with Rev. Mr. Berry.

The annual report of the Eastern Hampden Agricultural Society has been published in neat pamphlet form by G. M. Fisk & Co., and can be found at Allen & Cowan's.

H. R. Paine, son of Horace Paine of this village, has been heard from recently at Atlanta, Ga., where he has received the appointment of corporal in the army.

Have you the dyspepsia? Eat pop corn and be cured. An Indiana man ate a stated number of ears each day, and after consuming 350 bushels he was a well man.

Dr. Sweet, whose advertisement appears this week, will be at the Nassawano House four days of next week, commencing Thursday. He comes highly recommended.

Thomas Franey, the engineer who was slightly injured in the accident near Tariffville, Conn., this week, was for several years in the employ of the N. L. N. R. R., and quite well known in this vicinity.

The State Primary School children repeated their New Year's concert at the Congregational church last Sabbath, and the large audience was closely filled with an interested congregation.—Rev. Mr. Bradford supplied the pulpit at the morning service.

Rising Sun Temple of Honor held a public meeting in Union Hall Monday evening, when Rev. G. W. Perry of Springfield, G. W. C., will lecture, and delegations from Holyoke, Springfield and Westfield temples will be present. Let there be a full attendance.

A Palmer Irishman is credited with sending the following telegraphic message to his brother in New York: "Your wife died yesterday. We will wake her to-night. Come home. P. S. Don't open this for two hours, so as to prepare yourself for the melancholy news."

The officers of the Palmer National Bank for the year ensuing are: President, M. W. French; cashier, W. A. Lincoln; directors, F. P. Potter and Ira G. Potter of Wilbraham, A. H. Willis, J. N. Lacey and J. B. Shaw of Palmer.

At the District Court last week Friday E. L. Weston paid \$9.15 for embezzlement and larceny of a watch. On Tuesday James McHavley of Three Rivers paid \$7.50 for an assault; and on Wednesday Thomas Doyle and Dennis McEvoy were committed for drunkenness.

Rev. Mr. Fullerton's subject at the Second Cong. church to-morrow forenoon will be, "Which Exit Wanes?" Thirteen have been added to the church the past year—9 by profession and 4 by letter,—and three have died, all aged persons, two of whom were members of the church at its organization.

Morris Bros'. Minstrels were much pleased with the beauties of Wales Hall, Wednesday evening, but their impression of the audience was aptly told by the following colloquy on the stage: "Sammy, why is Wales Hall like the moon?" "Golly, it must be in its last quarter now den!" Their vocal music was exceptionally fine.

John M. Converse has sold to H. P. Holden some land on Park street, for \$30. John S. Needham has sold land in Brimfield, \$110; H. O. Converse of New York to George D. G. of Ludlow, land in Ludlow, \$1350; Jacob Burley of Monson to A. C. Burley of Wilbraham, land and buildings in Monson, \$500; Cyrus W. Holmes, Jr., and J. J. Ellis to F. H. Horton, land in Monson, \$60.

There was a sensation not down in the bills last Saturday evening at Wales Hall, while the entertainment by Washburn's Last Sena broke, cutting off the supply of gas to the building, and performers and audience found themselves suddenly in utter darkness. There was no help for it and no other means of lighting the hall, and by the dim light of a few stray matches the people quietly dispersed.

Miss Lottie Sargent of Boston, who will be remembered as having sung in Palmer and Ware two years ago, is now spending the winter in Washington with Mrs. Gen. Haines. The city papers speak of her as the possessor of one of the most remarkable voices on record. She can sing with equal ease, clearness and sweetness each of the four parts in a quartette. Her voice in bass cannot be distinguished from that of a man, and in soprano her high notes are equally strong and pure.

The amount of dog money refunded in Hampden county is \$6086.40, and it is divided among the several towns as follows: Agawam, \$230.88; Blandford, \$112.80; Brimfield, \$85.92; Chester, \$125.28; Chicopee, \$314.40; Granville, \$156.96; Holland, \$20.16; Holyoke, \$578.40; Longmeadow, \$148.80; Ludlow, \$146.40; Monson, \$305.76; Montgomery, \$35.04; Palmer, \$298.56; Russell, \$48.48; Southwick, \$99.36; Springfield,

\$2024.64; Tolland, \$62.88; Wales, \$73.44; Westfield, \$696.48; West Springfield, \$329.28; Wilbraham, \$192.48.

At the annual meeting of the corporators of the Palmer Savings Bank on Monday the following officers were chosen: President, M. W. French; Vice Presidents, Henry F. Brown of Brimfield, P. P. Potter of Wilbraham and L. Dimock of Palmer; Trustees, G. M. Fisk, M. W. French, J. B. Shaw, S. R. Lawrence, R. L. Goddard, George Moers, James S. Loomis, H. P. Holden, E. Brown and Enos Calkins of Palmer, Ira G. Potter of Wilbraham, Joshua Tracy of Monson; Secy and Treas., W. A. Lincoln. In the last six months the bank has earned \$10,549.75 interest, and it pays to depositors a 24 per cent. dividend amounting to \$8,153.38, while \$1534.57 went for expenses and taxes, \$425 to reserve fund and \$431.80 to profit and loss. The condition of the bank at the close of the year was as follows: Liabilities—Deposits, \$349,195.34; reserve fund, \$850; surplus, \$3,820.57; total, \$353,865.98. Assets—Loans on real estate, \$228,445.97; personal loans, \$30,000; town loans, \$3,700; loans on bank stock, \$343.48; loan on S. Bond, \$1000; Bonds owned, \$34,450; bank stock, \$29,175; R. R. bonds, \$9,640; expenses, \$1,534.57; cash on hand, \$10,522.39; total, \$353,865.98.

A MYSTERIOUS DEATH.

John Allen of Three Rivers, a Frenchman 57 years of age, was found dead in the birches some 50 rods north-west of the old Dr. Higgins place on the road to Three Rivers, Tuesday forenoon, under circumstances which would seem to indicate foul play. Allen lived in Three Rivers, working at odd jobs, and of late had been employed more or less by John Ferrell, and had been cutting some birches on the lot mentioned on shares. Tuesday morning he walked down to Mr. Ferrell's, talked a while and read the paper, and then took Ferrell's team and started for the lot after a load of wood. About an hour afterwards Mr. Ferrell went out to go to Three Rivers, and saw the horse Allen had taken standing near the house, the wagon partly loaded with wood. Supposing Allen to be somewhere around, he called to him, but getting no response he drove to the lot and again called without avail. He then went to Three Rivers, concluding that Allen would bring around after a while. Returning in a short time he found the horse still undisturbed, and, surprised at Allen's continued absence, he again drove to the wood lot, and in a few moments discovered him lying face downward in the sand. Summoning James Calkins, who lives near by, it was ascertained that Allen was dead, and Mr. Ferrell at once started for Dr. Holbrook, the Medical Examiner of this district, who was soon on the spot. After making the necessary observations the body was taken home, and Dr. Holbrook made a post mortem examination.

There was a large bruise on the back of Allen's head, with a couple of punctures through the scalp, having the appearance of bullet holes, but which, examination showed, went no further than the skull, which was not fractured, and probably the bruise was caused by a blow from a club, a couple of knots making the holes in the scalp. There was no evidence of one blow, and no other cause of death could be discovered, and it is the doctor's opinion that he died from concussion of the brain made by the blow. Allen's hat was lying a few feet below him, with no marks of a blow on it, so that he must have been bareheaded when struck. The tracks of the horse and wagon wheels came no nearer the body than 20 feet, and as he had evidently fallen where he was struck, there seems no other explanation of his death than that he was struck with a club by some unknown person. The whole affair is shrouded in complete mystery, and as far as is known no other person was seen around there. Robbery could have been the motive, for Mr. Allen was a poor man, nor had he an enemy to seek his life. He was a quiet, peaceable man, and generally liked, and leaves a wife and eight children in Three Rivers, where he had lived for three years. Probably Justice Robinson will hold an inquest the first of next week, but it is doubtful whether any additional light can be brought to bear on the affair.

HOLLAND.

William Stone was found dead in a pasture in Holland last week.

J. M. King has hired part of D. B. Merriell's farm.

Mrs. Allis occupies the hotel, but it is not in full running order yet.

The post office excitement still continues to be the leading subject of conversation. The office has been removed to the house of B. F. Squires.

BONDVILLE.

A few days since George Thompson, employed in the paper mill, got his hand caught in the calendars and three of his fingers were badly injured.

The cornet band held its first concert in the church vestry last Wednesday evening. The house was well filled and the entertainment was well received. This band, which has been organized but about six months, is making rapid progress under the teaching of Prof. Clare. The receipts were \$70.

NORTH WILBRAHAM.

The grist mill still keeps sending off 8 to 10 car loads daily.

Thermometers reached 18 degrees below zero at the depot of the town Wednesday. Collins Depot is no more; henceforth this thriving village is to be known as North Wilbraham.

A few parties have begun filling their ice houses, and report clear, nice ice 9 to 10 inches thick.

Wilbraham, though not a city, can boast of nine meeting houses, six of them being in the North Parish.

Whooping cough is prevalent.

E. C. Ewing of Holyoke addressed the Sabbath school last Sunday afternoon.

The personal property of the late Elbridge Cabot was sold at auction on Thursday.

John Bartlett missed his pocket book, containing \$27 and other valuables, the other day, but found it later at the grist mill.

The Cong. church has had ten additions on profession the past year, six members have died and two have been dismissed. The pastor has attended 14 funerals and 4 marriages, and made 382 pastoral calls. The Sunday school numbers 338, with an average attendance of 170.

BELCHERTOWN.

A tramp painter applied to M. Leach for work Saturday, and being refused, entered the shop Sunday morning and daubed over with paint a number of sleighs, and did much other mischief.

The Boston *Herald* has the following to say of our schools: "The town of Belchertown, in the western part of the State, affords a striking illustration of the manner in which the country high schools are maintained at the expense of the lower grades, in which the great mass of the scholars are to be found. The town raises \$3500 for school purposes. It has five hundred and seventy-two children and youth attending school. Of these, fifty attend the high school, for which \$1000 is appropriated, while but \$2500 is left for the education of the children in the five hundred and twenty-two of the grammar and primary schools. The high school costs \$40 for each pupil, and the lower grades less than \$5 per pupil."

THREE RIVERS.

The extra meetings held during the past fortnight have developed considerable religious interest, and further meetings are to be held. At the Baptist church there will be meetings every evening next week except Tuesday evening, and the Union society will hold a series of gospel meetings every evening for two weeks in the Chapel, with preaching by the pastor, Rev. M. M. Tracy, Tuesday and Thursday evenings of each week. Rev. C. T. Johnson will conduct the meeting at the Baptist church Tuesday evening.

LUDLOW.

The good people of Ludlow had a rare opportunity of listening to a lecture Monday evening, of an exceedingly interesting and instructive character, especially to the Methodists. The title was "Methodists One Hundred Years Ago," by Rev. Jonathan Neal of South Wilbraham. The lecturer in his opening remarks alluded to the state of England in the dark days which preceded the advent of the Wesley, Fletcher and Whitfield, and showed how these men by their earnest preaching shook the customs of the day, roused attention to the truths they spoke and hastened the day of England's moral mightiness. Many amusing anecdotes of the people called "Methodists" were introduced; the rough, thoughtless, dashing boldness of the Lancashire pitmen 100 years ago was graphically described. The lecture was listened to throughout with eager interest,—the truth of the old adage was again proved that "truth is stranger than fiction."

WEST WARREN.

The Methodists socialized at Mrs. Harmon's Wednesday evening.

Dexter S. Cooley, as agent, has opened a cash provision store at his old stand.

It is proposed that one of the tramp rooms in town be closed, making one room answer for both villages.

Frank Bitt, a brakeman, fell from a freight train which was passing through the village last Saturday, and was considerably injured.

The Portland medical society awarded Dr. Bixby, recently located here, a medal for the best record in treating diphtheria. He had 90 cases without a death.

The superintendent and assistant superintendent of the Methodist Sunday school were delegates to the Sunday school convention at Worcester Thursday.

A female prayer meeting has been started by the ladies of the Congregational church. There is considerable interest, and extra meetings are being held.

Commander F. H. Moore of Warren installed the officers of the Grand Army Monday evening, and then all enjoyed a supper furnished by Commander Rycroft.

MONSON.

Amy Stone at Green's Hall this (Saturday) evening.

Charley King has entered the office of R. M. & T. Reynolds, as assistant bookkeeper.

No "slaying" of any account since Thanksgiving and New Year's, and that was "fowl," the judges said.

The Monson Harmony Society began rehearsals last Tuesday evening at the Academy hall. They invite all singers to meet with them at their next rehearsal, next Tuesday evening.

It is getting about time for the annual hiring of help, but there will probably not be as many changes as in former years, when the 1st of April was moving day with half of the factory help.

It is intimated that the party who is stealing magazines and papers from the reading room will be found out if the depredations are continued, for "murder will out," and circumstances tend to show plainly who is pilfering.

Miss J. F. Flagg in Barton's block is closing out her winter stock of millinery, hats, and fancy goods, by presenting each purchaser of three dollars' worth of goods with a new hat. This is a chance never before offered our public.

BRIMFIELD.

A new family grocery has recently been established in this town by Mr. Chas. I. Burleigh, an enterprising young gentleman late of Palmer. He has also a stationery department, which was much needed and will be appreciated by the scholars of the high school as well as the inhabitants, who were unable to procure the necessary articles in ordinary stores in the vicinity.

The past week was a busy one for the ice gatherers, and they could be seen from early morn till dusk every evening with their implements suitable for handling the ice. It was a harvest for the laborers at this inclement season; tho' a cold one, it helped replenish their exchequer. A cold, forbidding article is ice in winter, but an invaluable luxury during the summer, with the thermometer ranging among the nineties.

There is a prospect now that the Brimfield town library will soon be in operation, as a number of packages of books arrived on Tuesday, that will at once be numbered and arranged in their proper places, ready to deliver to applicants and for perusal. Every town should be in possession of a good public library, good schools and a good minister—three things that give character and stability at home and abroad.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

The Cong. society are talking of asking Rev. J. W. Harding to deliver one of his lectures on the Holy Land, or his Travels in Palestine. All will be pleased to hear the bishop lecture.

The selectmen have been petitioned to have dogs running at large muzzled, and there is no doubt they will grant the prayer of the petitioners. It is hoped the result will be to kill off many little nuisances which throng the streets.

Mr. Smith, from whose store postmaster Stanton removed the post office the 1st inst., has thought it profitable to go into the business of selling letter stamps and other postal matter, not purchasing them here, as the salary of the postmaster here depends partly upon the amount of stamps sold. Mr. Stanton informed him that his acts were contrary to the statutes. Mr. Smith says the office must be returned or the guillotine will be put in motion. "Brag is a good dog, but it holds fast is better."

His efforts in this direction may result no more favorably than his recent law operations.

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WARE AND VICINITY.

Temperance prayer meetings have been held at the rooms of the Reform Club every afternoon this week.

Papers are in circulation for signatures petitioning the Legislature to enact a stringent Prohibitory law.

Principal Bailey of the Ware High School has tendered his resignation on account of sickness. It is thought that the school will be closed for the remainder of the term.

The temperance question is the leading topic of conversation in stores and mills this week. People that never seemed to take any interest in the subject have become awakened, and no doubt great good will be done.

H. M. Hitchcock of this place, with his panorama, assisted by M. J. Fitzpatrick and Chas. A. Sanger as comedian and vocalist, gave an entertainment at Three Rivers on Thursday evening, with good success.

The Murphy movement was successfully inaugurated at Music Hall Monday evening. The hall was crowded to its utmost capacity, sitting room and standing also. Dr. Perkins opened the meeting with prayer, and after a few remarks resigned the floor to Mr. A. S. Palmer of New York, who spoke on the spirit of love as the foundation for the temperance work. Considerable interest was aroused and 200 signed the pledge.

On Tuesday evening Mr. Palmer spoke in the Cong. church on the need of women in the work. Although the church will seat 200 or 300 more than Music Hall, yet every seat was full, and about two hundred signed the pledge. Wednesday evening Mr. Palmer took the position of a rumseller and gave his reasons why the pledge should not be signed. Rev. Mr. Peterson gave an interesting account of the Murphy movement at Springfield. At the close invitations were given to all to go forward and sign the pledge, and about 225 signed. The meetings were held every evening this week.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Joseph P. Wall of New York kicked his wife to death one night last week in a drunken frenzy.

In a railroad accident in Tennessee last week every passenger on the train was hurt, but there was no loss of life.

Mary Sullivan of Holyoke, a widow of about 40, was killed by the cars Wednesday afternoon while walking on the track.

A three-years-old girl in New Bedford fell into a pail of hot water the other day, and died the day following in consequence.

Capt. John P. Britton, aged 90, committed suicide at Black Rock, Conn., Sunday morning, by shooting himself through the heart.

Louisa Stone, ten years old, was arrested at Lowell last week for pocket-picking. She had four purses upon her person when arrested.

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The Two Glasses.

There sat two glasses filled to the brim,
On a rich man's table, rim to rim;
One was rum and the other was brandy,
And one was clear as the crystal flood.
Said the glass of wine to his paler brother,
"Let us tell the tales of the past to each other;
I can tell of banquet and revel and mirth,
And the proudest and grandest souls on earth
Fell under my touch as though struck by blight,
Where I was king, for I ruled in might.
From the heights of kings I have torn the crown,
From the heights of fame I have hurled men down;
I have bid to many an honored name,
I have taken virtue and given shame;
I have tempted the youth with a sip, a taste,
That has made his future a barren waste."

"Far greater than any king am I,
Or than any army beneath the sky.
I have made the arm of the driver frail,
And sent the train from the iron rail.
I have made good ships go down at sea,
And the shrieks of the lost were sweet to me;
For they said: 'God! how great you be!
Fame, strength, wealth, genius before you fall,
And your might and power are over all.'
I, pale brother, 'I' laughed the wine,
"Can you boast of deeds as great as mine?"

Said the water glass, "I cannot boast
Of a king dethroned or a murdered host;
But I can tell of hearts that once were sad,
By my crystal drops made light and glad.
Of thirst I've quenched and of fever I've laid;
Of hands I have cooled and of souls I have saved;
I have leaped through the valley, dashed down
The mountain,
Panted and sported in the sparkling fountain;
Slept in the sunshine and dropped from the sky
And everywhere gladdened the landscape and eye;
I have cured the parched meadows from fertile
With grain;
I can tell of the powerful wheel of the mill
That ground out the flour and turned at my will;
I can tell of manhood debased by my will,
I can tell of help and of crowning aid.
I, pale brother, 'I' strengthened and laid
I gladden the heart of man and maid;
I set the chained wine-captive free,
And all are better for knowing me."

These are the tales they told each other,
The glass of wine and his paler brother,
As they sat together filled to the brim,
On the rich man's table, rim to rim.

"LITTLE DAN."

It is about two hundred miles from Fort Territt, Texas, on the headwaters of the Llano river, to Fort McKavette, on the headwaters of the San Sabé, and Fort Mason, in the big bend of the Llano, is about the same distance to the east, enclosing a triangular spot of country half as large as the State of Rhode Island. A continuation of the Apache Mountains, called by the hunters "Gray Horse Hills," incloses the triangle on the west, and over the prairie thus shut in the red man is king.

Six men, none of them hunters or Indian fighters, but all well armed, had been escorted from Fort Mason to Territt, but on reaching that point the Indians were found to be so numerous and troublesome that a military escort to Fort McKavette could not be spared. There were forty-one soldiers at the post, hardly enough for its defence, and it was plain, without a word from the colonel, that not a man could be spared.

"There are redskins enough between here and McKavette to destroy a regiment of veterans," he remarked as the chances were being canvassed. "The best scout on the plains could not ride over thirty miles per day, and he would be almost certain to lose his scalp before he was out of sight of the post. Take this glass and tell me what you see."

It was half an hour before sundown. The glass revealed Indians in every direction. Some were riding at a swift pace, others motionless on the knolls, and the fort was completely encircled.

"There's a thousand if there is one," continued the colonel, as he received the glass, "and I must get ready at once for hot times."

These six men had an errand and a message of the utmost importance, and they could not delay. There were two veteran scouts at the post, but when offered any sum to pilot the party through, they shook their heads and said:

"The hull triangle is chin-deep with reds, and no living white man could avoid them." Yet the determination of the six men to go on was not shaken.

"You are lunatics!" exclaimed the colonel, when his arguments were found to be of no avail, "and I'll close the gates and prevent you from going."

Nevertheless, an hour after nightfall he came down to where the six were saddling their horses, and said:

"It's nothing less than murder, but if you will go, let our little Dan go along. He knows the route, is brave and cool-headed, and if you'll take orders from him there's one chance in a thousand that he'll take you through."

And "Our Little Dan" soon joined the party. He wasn't an Indian, nor yet a Mexican or a white man. He was neither boy nor man. He was a human being less than five feet in height, weighed about ninety pounds, had long brown hair, coal-black eyes, a long jaw, sallow cheeks and the biggest hand of any man in Texas. As he stood looking at the party, the colonel said:

"Dan, these redskins must be at Fort McKavette at the earliest possible hour. They put themselves under your orders, and you will be ready in fifteen minutes to start."

have been a collision and butchery. For three or four minutes the little band sat like statues, and it was a happy relief when the dwarf whispered:

"Follow each other at a walk!" Seven midnight shadows crept slowly over the flower-sprinkled grass for a long half hour. The horses were becoming nervous and impatient, when all of a sudden a halt was made. Little Dan's mustang stood looking toward Fort McKavette, and he was riderless. The others halted beside him, and after a minute the dwarf reappeared.

"Over the ridge here in front of us is an Injun camp!" he whispered, "for a band of Injuns are just breaking camp! Injuns are moving all along our front, and a wolf could not sneak through! We must hide till they pass—follow me softly."

He turned to the left again, followed the base of the ridge for a mile, and the party entered a dry ravine with banks from five to eight feet high. The bed might have been wet in the spring, but was dry then, and quite free from obstructions. As soon as shelter was obtained, Little Dan again disappeared. He was gone some five minutes this time, and when he returned he said:

"There's millions of 'em! There's been a big camp in this neighborhood for three or four days, and the warriors are now moving for the fort, leaving paps and squaws behind. Keep quiet until we can get out!"

At the end of five minutes the Indians were heard advancing, and presently their conversation could be plainly made out. All were mounted, but seemed in no hurry. Some rode around the head of the ravine, and others were heard crossing it lower down. Huddled together in the darkness were the seven white men, each one holding his breath, and each horse trembling with excitement.

"We'll be discovered sooner or later," whispered Dan, "and we'd better get it in the first blow! Draw your revolvers, ride three abreast, and I'll lead!"

He waited a minute for the men to make ready, and then raised the wildest yell ever heard by Indian or white man. His fierceness fairly appalled his companions for an instant, but as his mustang sprang forward they spurred after. Charging straight down the ravine, with that wild scream echoing from bank to bank, they had gone nearly half a mile before the surprised Indians comprehended the situation and made pursuit. The ravine bent and turned for miles, and while some of the Indians followed it, others rode along the banks, firing at random and screaming in their rage.

"A mile further down," cried Little Dan, as he turned in his saddle, "a trail crosses the ditch. We'll turn to the right and make for the Injun village. If you shoot straight we'll give these devils a chance to attend a dozen funerals at home."

Not a shot had thus far been fired by the party. Two or three mounted Indians had been encountered, sitting on their saddles, and wondering over the alarm; but they had been knocked down and leaped over like so many toys. The little band were a quarter of a mile ahead of pursuit as they whirled to the right, dashed up the bank, and made for the hundred camp fires a mile away.

"Six abreast now, and follow me!" shouted the dwarf. "I want to charge right through the centre of the village, and I'll kill as many as all of you can wound! Fire at everything on legs, and keep yelling like devils!"

Had they kept on down the ravine, it would have simply been a test of speed between horses, with the odds in favor of the white men. Little Dan had doubled back on their track instead of running away, and was heading for a big village alive with excitement. The Indians kept along the ravine, not yet having caught sight of the pursued, but still knowing that they were chasing white men.

"Now raise a yell!" shouted Dan, as the band neared the village—"raise the worst yell you can, and don't forget to keep shouting!"

His peculiar scream was again set forth, and the other six riders led at the top of their voices. Dan and his mustang were a wonderful sight. The animal forged ahead at a steady pace, his ears laid back and his mouth wide open, and he swerved aside for nothing. He jumped a blazing fire, ran directly over a lodge, picked up a boy in his teeth and flung him aside, and every instant uttering a neigh which was almost a roar of rage.

A revolver in either hand, Little Dan swung himself from side to side, blowing a warriors brains out on the right, and then sending a bullet through the head of an old man or squaw to the left. Pop! pop! pop! rang his revolvers, and above the awful din created in the surprised and frightened camp could be heard his wild yells and the tigerish neigh of his mustang. The six fired as they could, sweeping a trail of death forty feet wide through the village. Hardly a shot was fired in return; but the few sent after them struck a fatally wounded a bronzed-faced, grizzled-haired veteran who was three times as old as Antietam. He fell forward, clung to his horse, and when the band halted on the prairie beyond the village he fell to the ground.

"In three minutes we shall have two hundred howling fiends after us!" said Little Dan, as he dismounted. "This man is fatally wounded, and he'll be dead in half an hour. We can't take him along, and we can't stop here."

While he was speaking he was busy searching the pockets of the unfortunate rider. Watch, money, photographs of loved ones, revolver and sabre were taken and distributed among the party in thirty seconds, and then the dwarf bent down and asked:

"Comrade, can you speak?" "I understand—it's all right!" was the whispered reply.

speed, knowing that they had not one chance in ten of reaching Fort McKavette. But they did reach it after days of riding, hiding, starving and thirsting, and the order was delivered and Western Texas saved from the horrors of an Indian war.

Before the wild winds of the winter swept the bleak plains, a solitary horseman rode from Fort Territt at night, dodging Indian scouts, and never minding the gaunt wolves which galloped close behind with their red tongues hanging from their terrible jaws. He crossed the ravine, rode across the site of the Indian village, and halting at a spot half a mile beyond, he dug a hole in the soft soil and firmly imbedded a post and a cross. In deep-carved letters was this legend:

"A BRAVE MAN DIED HERE."

Only that and nothing more, and the records of the frontier forts show, from information furnished by the Indians themselves, that seventeen redskins were killed and nine wounded in that wild charge through the village.

"SALUTE THE BRIDE."

Fresh from the cotton-field, she with a snuff-rubbing brush protruding from her mouth, and he with cotton clinging to his mossy beard and patched coat, and a grin on his face.

"You are the ones who wish to be married—George McKenna and Harriet Shelton?" asked Judge Ray, looking over his spectacles. "He, he, we is, sir," said Mr. McKenna, while Miss Shelton's black face was modestly hid in her white sun-bonnet.

"Join your right hands." The palms came together like two sticks of wood. "You promise to take the woman whose right hand you now hold—"

"Yes, sir." "To be your lawful and wedded wife—" "Oh, yes, sir, he, he." "Promising to love and cherish her—" "I does, sir."

"And (put out by the frequent interruptions), and—clinging to her only—" "Yes, sir." "As long as you both live, eh?" "Yes, sir. Yes, sir."

"Salute the bride," called out a newly-married attorney when the ceremony was over. "Go, go 'way now!" protested the bridegroom. "You must, though, or you're not married," said a reporter.

"Yer jokin'!"—he pulling Harriet back, though she struggled hard to go. "No, you really must." Then there was a comical scene displayed; she protesting, "They's foolin' yer, George," and he insisting, "It's 'bout to kiss yer." The tussle was long and fierce, and the young attorneys roared with amusement, but George finally succeeded, and the two passed out.—*Memphis Advertiser.*

SPIRITS.

"Who's there?" There was no answer and the queer noise stopped. "Anybody there?" "No answer." "It must have been a spirit," he said to himself. "I must be a medium. I will try."

(Aloud.) "If there is a spirit in the room it will signify the same by saying yes—no, that's not what I mean. If there is a spirit in the room it will please rap three times."

Three distinct raps were given in the direction of the bureau. "Is it the spirit of my sister?" No answer. "Is it the spirit of my mother?" Three raps.

"Are you happy?" "No answer." "Do you want anything?" "A succession of very loud raps." "Will you give me any commutation if I get up?" No answer.

"Shall I hear from you to-morrow?" Raps very loud in the direction of the door. "Shall I ever see you?" He waited long for an answer to this last question, but none came, and after thinking of the extraordinary visit, he turned over and fell asleep. On getting up in the morning he found that the spirit of his mother had carried off his watch and purse, his trousers, and his great-coat down stairs in the hall.

HINTS FOR THE HOUSEHOLD.

Boil everything slowly. Fresh poultry has bright eyes. Roasting meats is extravagant. Add your fuel to the fire slowly. New flour takes up more water than old. Fish will boil in from five to ten minutes. Stale bread may be steamed into freshness. Never cut broiling meat. The juices escape. Slow and long cooking will make tough tender. Add pea or bean-meal to your bread flour for nourishment.

For pork, twenty minutes to each pound is required for cooking. Salt meats should be simmered; they should not be fiercely boiled. Salmon and sturgeon are red-blooded and are as nutritious as meat. Baking-meats are not cheap unless you surround them with flour paste to keep the juices in. Four ounces of lime to a gallon of water will be all that is necessary for keeping milk sweet. Vegetables supply the place of meat. Vegetables should be cooked, if possible, in water in which meat has been cooked.

The Puzzled Dutchman.

I'm a broken-hearted Dentscher,
Vot's filled mit grief and shame;
I delus you vot der doublet sh—
I doesn't know my name.
Mein moder had two liddle dwins,
Dey was me and mein broder;
Ve lookt so ferry much alike
No von knew vich vom toder.

Von der pors was Yawcop,
And Hans der oldest name;
But den it made no different—
Ve both got called der same.
Vell, von of us got tead—
Yaw, mynber, dat was so—
But veldter Hans or Yawcop,
Mein moder she don't know.

Unt so I am in droubles—
I can't get troo my head,
Veldter I'm Hans vot's liding,
Or Yawcop vot is tead.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

BOSTON, Jan. 18, 1878.

The Art Club Exhibition opened last evening with a reception given by the members of the club to their friends. It was a brilliant opening to one of the most successful exhibitions ever held. The rooms were crowded with representatives of all the professions, with critics and connoisseurs, and daintily dressed women. The walls were hung with pictures, but it was impossible to see them, and indeed the object of the reception was not to show the pictures; there will be a three weeks' opportunity for that, since the exhibition is to continue that length of time. These half informal affairs, like this opening night, are among the most charming social events of the season, and are always looked forward to with a great deal of interest and anticipation by those who are interested in art matters, and are the friends of artists. Like all the rest of the world, who were in at the opening, I know very little of the exhibition itself: I shall have to give you the details later. I had the pleasure of seeing some of the pictures in the studios before they were taken to the club rooms; then there are certain things which are matters of course with some artists. You know Seavey will have one of those exquisite flower studies, the like of which no other artist paints; so delicate, so full of life are they. I am sure Flora has given her secrets to Mr. Seavey, else he could never represent her so truthfully as he does. Porter will have a portrait, and it is pleasure indeed to have the opportunity of seeing them. For Porter stands, undoubtedly, at the head of the list of American portrait painters, not even excepting Hunt. Munzig, a most promising young crayon artist, who is already named as the successor to Rouse, will have a head, a child's portrait probably, since that is what he specially excels in. He is very happy in his treatment of children, and he is a great favorite among artists. So much for a glimpse of the walls, together with a little previous knowledge.

I heard something to-day which amused me exceedingly, and I can't resist giving it to you. You must know that Dexter Smith, author of that very popular song, "Ring the bell softly," and others equally well known, and proprietor and editor of "Dexter Smith's Musical Magazine," is one of the most obliging fellows in the world. I don't think he was ever known to say no when asked to do a favor. So when a gentleman, in deep mourning, with the broadest weep on his hat that could be got on, came in one day and asked him to write some lines on the death of his (the stranger's) wife, Mr. Smith obliged him. About a year after the same man, still in inconsolable mourning, put in a second appearance.

"Do you know me?" he inquired. "Really sir, I ought to, but—" "Oh yes, I'm sure you do; you wrote a poem for me last year on the death of my wife. I've just lost another, and I thought I'd come in and see if I couldn't make the same verses do for her that I had for Maria."

Mr. Smith thought he could, and he went on his way rejoicing. The number of photographs of her which are sold, Miss Kate Claxton has the lead. There are more pictures of her called for, just at present, than of any other person on the stage. This is partially due to the fact that she is all the time "on the road," and her photographs go everywhere she goes in advance. Maud Granger's is the next in demand, and after her Maude Branscombe. There is a standing demand for Rignold's likenesses. He is one of the very few who are always asked for. A young lady admirer of the Fifth Henry gave every one of her friends a photograph of him at Christmas.

That was the harmless way she took of expressing her admiration. Of the prime of *Donne*, Miss Kellogg is the favorite after her Miss Cary. The Globe Theatre has been given over to fun and "follies" during the week, and the houses have been crowded. Last night hundreds were turned away. Colville's Folly Company are doing that most jolly of all burlesques, "The Babes in the Wood, or Who Killed Cock Robin." Taken all in all this is the best burlesque company we have ever had here. It is composed of the best portion of the Lydia Thompson troupe, with additions from the Soldene and Alice Oates' companies, and a prima donna who has a fine voice, well cultured—a rare thing in burlesque or opera bouffe. The run of "The Exiles" is unprecedented. It is on its sixth week, and the demand for seats has been greater this week than at any time. John McCullough was to open at the Boston 4th of February, but the management are trying to induce him to change his date, so that they need not remove the play. It is probable that he will accede to their request, as he is not only a right good fellow, but a manager himself, who understands what is lost, taking off a successful play in the middle of a run.

ALLIE JOY WHITE.

The period of twenty-four hours, which is produced by the revolution of the earth upon its axis, marks its influence upon the physical economy of man. Diseases show this; settled, regular fever exhibits a twenty-four hours' flux and reflux. In health there is observed the same influence—a strong argument for regularity in our meals, exercise and hours of sleep.

Boneless codfish is the latest luxury. It reminds us of a good many aristocratic young men. The letter to which bachelors seem most inclined: Let'er be.

DISAGREEABLE SORT OF PEOPLE.

It will always be a nice and difficult question to decide who are the most disagreeable people in the world to live with. Our first thoughts will be directed to the more ugly and venomous passions, such as hatred, envy, jealousy and the like. It will probably be found, however, that those qualities which come under the head of follies rather than of vices render people most intolerable as companions and coadjutors. For example, it may be observed that those persons have a more worn, jaded and dispirited look than any others, who have to live with people who make difficulties on every occasion, great or small. It is astonishing to see how this practice of making difficulties grows into a confirmed habit of mind, and what disconcertment it occasions. The savor of life is taken out of it when you know that nothing you propose to do or suggest, hope for or endeavor, will meet with any response but an enumeration of the difficulties that will be in the way you wish to travel. The difficulty—monstrous to be met with not only in domestic and social life, but also in business. It not uncommonly occurs in business relations that the chief will never by any chance receive, without many objections and much bringing forward of possible difficulties, anything that is brought to him by his subordinates. They at last cease to take pains, knowing that no amount of pains will prevent their work being dealt with in a spirit of ingenious objectiveness. At last they say to themselves, "The better the thing we present, the more opportunity will we have for developing his unpleasant talent of objectiveness and his imaginative power of inventing difficulties."—*Sir Arthur Helps.*

A DIFFICULT DRILL.

At the West Point military school the cadets are taught to ride bareback, to ride without stirrups, to jump hurdles, to use the pistol and sabre while riding, to "cut heads" to right and left, and other feats. The heads are leather balls about four or five inches in diameter, which are placed on posts of various heights. The trooper moving at a rapid gallop must cut these heads riding to the right and left, and also cut heads resting on the ground, the last a rather difficult feat when done to the left, compelling the rider to swing his sabre over his bridle hand and reach down from a horse sixteen hands high. They also cut heads with the right and left cut at the instant of jumping a hurdle. The most skillful maneuver is the cutting of a head upon the ground between two hurdles placed about forty feet apart, the trooper riding at full speed and cutting to the right and left in the interval between leaping the hurdles. The trooper is also taught to turn his horse at full gallop in a circle four yards in diameter. Most of these feats are performed in the riding hall, a room one hundred and ninety feet long by sixty-eight wide, with a tankard floor. The parade ground is about three hundred and fifty yards long by one hundred and fifty in width. Seventy-five horses are kept in use, the stables accommodating about one hundred. The animals are cared for by a detachment of regular soldiers provided for such service, the cadets being too busy to perform this duty.

A WOMAN'S FRIENDSHIP.

It is a wondrous advantage to a man, in every pursuit or vocation, to secure as adviser in a sensible woman. In woman there is a subtle delicacy of tact and a plain soundness of judgment, which are rarely combined to an equal degree in man. A woman, if she be really your friend, will have a sensitive regard for your character, honor, and reputation. She will seldom counsel you to do a shabby thing, for a woman friend always desires to be proud of you. At the same time, her constitutional timidity makes her more cautious than most male friends. She, therefore, seldom counsels you to do an imprudent thing. A man's best female friend is a wife of good sense and heart, whom he loves, and who loves him.

But supposing the man to be without such a helpmate, female friendship must still have, or his intellect will be without a garden, and there will be many an unneeded gap, even in its strongest fence. Better and safer, of course, are such friendships where disparity of years or circumstances puts the idea of love out of the question. Middle life has rarely this advantage; youth and old age have. We may have female friendships with those much older, and those much younger than ourselves. Female friendship is to a man the bulwark, sweetness, ornament of his existence.

American women are described by Catherine Magerka of Vienna, who was with her husband at the Philadelphia Exhibition. He was one of the Austrian Commissioners. Madame Magerka says that our women are handsome, and well dressed, the prevailing mode of dressing the hair, especially by girls, she approves as simple, natural, and becoming. She was impressed that "to many women the toilet was the sun around which their existence turned, for whom no other stars had radiance but diamonds and pearls, and to whom there was no ambition higher than to be admired." This idea was based on what she saw in public places, mainly, for she had little opportunity to observe American home life; but she was convinced that American wives are not so tenderly careful of their husbands as are German wives, and that the former are too independent, and the husbands too subservient. She found few girls here—few children or women; and she was astounded at hearing of a young woman who sat alone in her parlor with a young man from 8 P. M

The Journal.

SATURDAY, JANUARY 26, 1879.

STANLEY, the African explorer, has been receiving very flattering ovations on his homeward trip.

Our Representatives have ungallantly denied the use of their hall to the ladies for suffrage and temperance mass meetings.

SCORE one for progress in Alabama. A negro has just been admitted to the bar in that State—the first one of his color allowed in the legal profession there.

CLEOPATRA'S NEEDLE has at last reached England safe and sound. By the way, where is the obelisk which it was announced so loudly last fall the Khedive had given to this country?

The Legislature very wisely refuses to take notice of Senator Blaine's attack upon Massachusetts. The House was inclined to make an ado about it, but the Senate, cooler and less enthusiastic, very properly refused to be a party to any such thing.

Our Legislature makes haste slowly. While the Maine Legislature, which commenced its session at the same time of ours, is getting ready to adjourn, ours is getting ready to begin. But we are a "bigger people" than they are in Maine, not excepting Mr. Blaine.

Boston folks have got reduced to a cat show for amusement, and have got together on exhibition 300 choice specimens, some with three legs and some with five, while one hasn't any hair now. What Boston cannot do in the category of curiosities is not worth trying to do.

A BANQUET was given to ex-Secretary Bristow in Boston last Friday night, with speeches by Speaker Long, Mayor Pierce, Richard H. Dana, Jr., Gen. Hawley, Marshall Jewell, and several others. Mr. Bristow made a speech, dwelling mainly on the finances and civil service reform.

THE Crispin troubles continue in Lynn and some of the neighboring towns, and at Marlboro the Crispins attacked a stage coach Wednesday night, riddling it with stones and bullets, and injuring five men who were inside. The windows of a house where some non-Crispins boarded were also smashed in.

THE days are growing longer, and according to the old adage, the cold is growing stronger. We have had some touches of low temperature this week, and are promised several weeks of it in February. Ice dealers have been quite concerned of late, yet if the almanac makers do not deceive us we shall soon have plenty of that kind of fruit.

BRIGHAM YOUNG dead isn't held in quite the reverential awe that Brigham Young alive was, and a majority of the apostles are reported to be in favor of overhauling his financial juggleries, by which he is commonly believed to have enriched himself at the expense of the church. If they do this, his estate will stand a chance of being whittled down considerably.

RATHER a dubious exhibit is made by the Permanent Exhibition company at Philadelphia in its first annual report. The expenses for the past year have exceeded the income by \$82,598; the liabilities are \$510,000 and the assets, including the main building, \$381,000. Philadelphia isn't quite big enough to maintain such an exhibition; and it must succumb sooner or later.

THERE were 8872 failures in the United States in 1877, with liabilities of \$190,689,936, a little more favorable showing than in 1876; when there were 9092 failures with liabilities of \$191,117,786. But the figures for the last quarter of 1877 are much more unfavorable than for the corresponding period of 1876, showing an increase of nearly 13 per cent. in the number of failures and 40 per cent. in amount of liabilities. This is ascribed largely to the unsettled state of affairs caused by the efforts to remonetize silver and repeal the resumption act.

In presenting the statue of William King, first Governor of Maine, to Congress the other day, Senator Blaine did a very foolish thing in attacking Massachusetts for the part it took in the war of 1812, charging that Massachusetts was opposed to the war and would not allow one of her soldiers to go out of the State. Messrs. Dawes and Hoar ably defended their own State from the charges made by Mr. Blaine, and showed a much kinder spirit than he did. It is true that Massachusetts did not think that war was necessary, but the generation of that day has long since passed from the face of the earth, and the people of to-day are not to be blamed for what their fathers did. It was a silly thing to stir up on such an occasion, but Blaine often does and says things which in cooler moments he is sorry for.

The European situation looks somewhat critical, in consequence of the attitude assumed by England, the British fleet having been instructed to occupy Gallipoli in case the Russians advance upon it. Pending peace negotiations the Russians have displayed remarkable celerity in their movements. They have crossed the Balkans by two or three passes, occupied Adrianople, and would soon be before Constantinople at the rate they have been advancing. It was announced that the Porte had accepted the Russian peace conditions Thursday afternoon. England's attitude will intensify the bitter feeling already existing between that country and Russia, and a war with England would be immensely popular with the Muscovites. Earl Derby and Earl Carnarvon have resigned in consequence of the warlike attitude assumed by England, showing plainly that the Cabinet was not a unit in the movement.

Memorial Services.

Samuel Bowles, late editor of the Springfield *Republican*, was quietly buried last Saturday afternoon by his family and a few intimate friends, and on Wednesday afternoon memorial services were held at the Church of the Unity, on State street. There were present, Gov. Rice and Lieut. Gov. Knight, Ex-Gov. Talbot, and many distinguished persons from far and near, who with feelings of genuine grief had come to pay their respects to a man they had honored and loved. Mr. A. D. Briggs of Springfield was master of ceremonies, and introduced the speakers. After the reading of Scripture by Rev. Mr. Rice and prayer by Rev. Washington Gladden, brief addresses were made by Gen. Hawley of Hartford, Murat Halstead of Cincinnati, Dr. J. G. Holland of New York, Rev. Francis Tiffany of Newton, Frank W. Bird of Walpole, Chas. Francis Adams, Jr., of Quincy and George Stearns of Chicopee. Letters were read from H. L. Dawes, Carl Schurz, Gov. Hubbard of Connecticut, Charles Francis Adams, and others. Music was furnished by Edward H. Phelps upon the organ, and a choir of singers sang several select pieces. The occasion was one of genuine feeling of sorrow for the loss of an esteemed and valued friend, whose memory will live long and keep fresh and green in the hearts of his friends.

Mr. Bowles's will bequeaths to his wife \$10,000, and to Miss Alathia Easter, her companion and housekeeper for 80 years, \$5000, both from his life insurance. Mrs. Bowles is also given the personal property at his late home. All the remainder of his estate, including \$10,000 additional of life insurance and interest in the *Republican*, is bequeathed, in trust, to his son, Samuel Bowles, and Chas. Allen of Boston, who are authorized to dispose of it as they shall see fit, and make full or partial distribution of it among his heirs. The will was written by Mr. Bowles himself, and is dated Nov. 14, 1877.

HYDROPHOBIA has carried off two more victims, and yet another is likely to be dead before this paragraph is read. Aslibel Buckland of Chicopee was bitten by a strange dog which he found in his wood shed November 29th, but the wound soon healed and he had no suspicion that the animal was mad. Last week Friday his hand began to trouble him, and by Tuesday the sight of water would throw him into convulsions. He was a strong, healthy man, and fought determinedly against the disease. The physicians used curara very freely with good results in alleviating his sufferings, but in spite of all their efforts he died Wednesday night. His only regret, as he expressed it, was that "it seemed hard that a strong, well man should have to go for a dog." His mind was clear to the end. The second case is that of Charles H. Adams, a Boston commission merchant, who died at the hospital Thursday night of hydrophobia, though it is not known when he was bitten. Four weeks ago S. L. Way, a dentist at Suffield, Ct., was bitten by his pet Italian greyhound, and last Sunday he began to show symptoms of hydrophobia. The disease developed rapidly, and on Thursday he was unconscious and liable to die at any moment.

MR. McNURY closed his labors in Springfield Tuesday, and has gone to Washington, but promises to return to Springfield by and by. He was much pleased with his reception there, and 4500 people signed the pledge in that city alone, while in other towns in Western Massachusetts enough more have signed to bring the total up to nearly 20,000. Murphy is a prohibitionist at heart, but on the platform he ignores all controverted points. He believes the temperance people should attend the caucuses and rescue them from the hands of the politicians, and says as far as the old parties nominate good men they should be supported, and considers the formation of a third party, which cannot hope to accomplish anything but to perhaps thwart one of the old parties, as savoring too much of maliciousness. It must be acknowledged that by his methods he is accomplishing more good than the whole prohibitory party combined, and we commend his ideas to the thoughtful attention of all temperance men.

WITH gold slowly but steadily working down toward par, until it has reached 101½, the silver men are still doing their best to send it up again with their crazy schemes and indefinitely postpone the day of resumption. There was a conference of the cheap money men on Monday to devise ways to accomplish the remonetization of silver and the repeal of the resumption act. Gen. Butler was present, the only New England member, and he proposed that if the President should veto the silver bill a proviso should be attached to the appropriation bills that a part should be paid in silver and the balance in gold. Another Representative announced that he would offer an amendment to incorporate the silver movement in every appropriation bill. The silver men are determined to carry their point at all hazards, and those who believe in honest money will have to labor vigorously to preserve the nation's honor.

KING ALFONSO of Spain was married to the Princess Mercedes at Madrid Wednesday with great pomp. The new Queen is said to be the most beautiful sovereign in Europe, of the pure Spanish type, with black hair and eyes, fine features and a full figure. Her bridal dress had a train of white velvet epingle five yards long, fringed with silver basquilles. The skirt was of Lyons white satin, quilled with pearls. Over all was a lace shawl, fastened with nine diamond pins with pendeloques. Her father, the Duke of Montpensier, gave her among other things \$5,000,000 for pin money, and there were many other valuable gifts.

FIRE.—George's Straw works in Wrentham were burned last Friday, with a house and barn and part of a boarding house. The loss is about \$75,000.—Poultney, Vt., lost three buildings by fire Monday evening.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Croquet was revived during the recent mild weather.

Not very smooth traveling these days on the highways.

Frank Wood's restaurant on Central street has been closed.

The Universalists socialized at Mr. Sander-

son's Wednesday evening.

It has been truly said that "Printer's ink is the best fertilizer for a business soil."

Mrs. Crawford's musical soiree occurs at

Wales Hall next Wednesday evening.

Falling dew—those little bills. Made-of-

the-mist—some of the promises to pay.

The Baptist social was postponed this week

on account of the high wind Wednesday.

That promising snow squall Wednesday

morning didn't amount to anything after all.

Old Winter exhausted himself Wednesday

afternoon, and has given us charming weather

since then.

Geo. M. Pullman, of Pullman car fame,

was in town the other day, stopping at the

Antique House.

Rev. Mr. Heywood of Holyoke will preach

in Wales Hall on Sunday, in exchange with

Rev. C. H. Eaton.

The ladies' society of the Cong. church

held their annual meeting at the church vestry

Thursday evening.

Read "The Two Glasses" on the first page,

for a graphic showing of the different work

done by wine and water.

Mrs. Charles Collis of Brimfield (Dunham-

town) sold a lot of personal property, farming

implements, stock, etc., at auction last Mon-

day.

Mr. Kurtz has moved his harness shop to

his new building nearly opposite his old stand,

where he has very neat and commodious quar-

ters.

Susan A. Walls, a naughty Wales girl, 15

years of age, was committed to the industrial

school at Lancaster on Friday by Judge Tob-

inson.

There is to be an auction sale of live stock

and other personal property at Charles Sher-

man's, near Palmer Center, next Thursday

forenoon.

The boat train north on the New London

Northern road was delayed about an hour the

other morning by a freight train off the track

near State Line.

Dr. Cowan, of the firm of Allen & Cowan,

is convalescing from a severe attack of pneu-

monia, but is suffering somewhat with neu-

ralgia in the head.

In view of the prevalence of hydrophobia,

would it not be well for our selectmen to or-

der the muzzling of dogs, or do they wish to

wait till somebody is bitten?

"Bear ye one another's burdens" as an in-

dividual said the other day to his long-cured

trunkster, as he relieved him of a bag of grain

he was carrying on his back.

Frank Pettengill has given up his place as

brakeman on the Ware River road and ac-

cepted a position in the office of the Boston

and Albany road at Springfield.

There has been some muddy mud on some

of our streets and sidewalks this week, and

dwellers on North Main and Thorndike streets

have been happy in their concrete walks.

Charles Upham of Blanchardville has a re-

markably intelligent colt. He is less than a

year old and has been trained to shake hands,

answer questions by a shake of the head, etc.

"Prof." Dorman, of Punch and Judy fame,

has fitted up a room in his house over in Sil-

ver Street, and recently gave one of his vari-

ety entertainments. The receipts were about

Old Boreas went "on a tear" Wednesday afternoon, and the temperature lowered so rapidly that it required a brave heart and abundant wraps to face the keen wind. The lower sash to a window in the Baptist church blew in, as did one or two other windows in the place, but that comprised all the damage done as far as heard from.

The Boston and Albany railroad have just had 25 flat cars made of wrought iron pipes and steel rods, ears of this description having been used two or three years on other roads with very satisfactory results. They are lighter, more durable, secure from fire, and require 50 per cent. less in repairs, and the parts being interchangeable damages are quickly repaired.

J. D. Smith of Blanchardville is "making the wool fly," and from last week Wednesday to Saturday he "plicked" 6000 pounds of shoddy. He has recently started a new machine for picking, but still finds it necessary to run day and night much of the time. This is a strong indication that the manufacturers of cloth are making a poorer quality of goods.

Real estate transfers: A. M. Higgins of New Bedford and Emma E. Palmer and Mary J. Barnes of Worcester, to the Ware River railroad, 6-10 of an acre of land, \$300; John K. to Charles S. Hoar, land and buildings in Monson, \$2000; Dana Stebbins to Alfred Wallace, land and buildings in Monson, \$1200; Ludlow Manufacturing Co. to Eliza M. Rich of Springfield, lot in Ludlow, \$100.

About thirty signatures to the Murphy pledge were obtained at the temperance meeting in Union Hall Monday evening. Rev. G. W. Perry proving himself a very efficient and entertaining speaker. Another meeting will be held in Wales Hall Sunday afternoon at 5 o'clock, to be addressed by Rev. Mr. Heywood of Holyoke, who comes fresh from the temperance revival in that city. The time of the meeting may possibly be changed to the evening.

Work at the carpet mill is very brisk, and an additional loom was started this week, making thirteen now in operation, with a capacity of turning out about 500 yards of carpeting per day, which is mostly consigned to New York parties. The patterns are very unique and tasty and run more on small figures than formerly; in fact scarcely any large figures are manufactured now, having become somewhat old-fashioned.—Some difficulty was experienced during the cold snaps in heating the building to a comfortable temperature.

A case to test the fine points of the law has recently been enacted in this vicinity. As the case has been stated, Mr. A foreclosed a mortgage on some woodland of Mr. B, and the property was put under an attachment and a day of sale appointed. Mr. B managed to obtain a postponement of the sale, and in the meantime set workmen to cut down the trees on the land and drag them bodily from the premises to an adjoining lot, thereby hoping to realize the benefits of the timber, for which the property was chiefly valuable. This is a thoroughly Yankee trick and would prove an interesting case for the lawyers if brought to court.

We hesitate to speak of it, for we are aware of the danger we incur of being flooded with delicately scented and ribboned manuscripts in consequence of doing so; but for the encouragement of budding womanhood we will venture, and state that a graduating essay sometimes makes a very efficacious matrimonial advertisement. A young lady in Biddeford, Me., wrote a beautiful one last summer, and read it in a way that captivated the heart of an editor who was present. He published it in his paper, and the address, in which the young lady had announced her firm determination to earn her own living without any man's help, was sent broadcast over the land. Note the result. An iron merchant in Cincinnati saw the paper, read the essay, admired the sentiment, sought a correspondence with its author, and—married her!

Very little chopping is going on hereabouts this winter, owing, probably, to the extremely low figures realized for wood. Some farmers are getting out a few speers, but so far for the sake of buying themselves about something. A quite general complaint is made that this State is growing up to wood, and that more wood and brush land can be seen from the neighboring hills than could be found ten years ago. It hardly pays a farmer in Massachusetts to start into and clear a piece of woodland for tillage purposes, and it can safely be said that the growth of wood of late years has far exceeded the demand, while lumber of better quality than ours can be obtained from three points of the compass for less money than our producers can afford to furnish it. Good birch wood can be bought for one cord and other kinds proportionately low, while all kinds of lumber are down to hard par.

WILBRAHAM.

The selectmen have ordered the dogs muzzled for ninety days from and after Feb. 1.

The young people are making arrangements for an exhibition soon after the chapel is finished.

The chapel of the Cong. church is to be ready in two or three weeks. The audience room will not be finished this winter.

GRANBY.

The Granby Mutual Fire Insurance Co. re-elected its old officers last week. The company is prosperous and well managed.

Last week Friday Dexter Taylor's horse, frightened by a foot ball, ran, and hitting a tree, Mrs. Taylor was thrown violently to the ground and bruised considerably about the face, but not seriously injured.

The Cong. church here re-elected W. A. Smith deacon for three years. They also re-elected Jas. H. Barton, Edwin Dickinson, and Dea. Charles Clark, Chas. Hunt and W. A. Smith, church committee to act with the pastor, Loomis Tiffany was chosen treasurer, and S. M. Cook auditor, for the coming year.

THREE RIVERS.

The gospel meetings held by the Union society the past week have been well attended, with indications of much interest, and will be continued another week. The pastor, Rev. M. M. Tracy, will preach Sabbath morning to the Sabbath School.

The following officers have been chosen by the Y. M. C. A.: President, J. I. Milliken; vice president, Thomas Axson; secretary, D. M. Chapman; treasurer, A. A. Milliken; auditor, O. S. Thayer; librarian, Norman McLeod; directors, Murdock McLeod from the Union church, L. E. Upham from the Baptist church, and D. M. Chapman from the Methodist church.

LUDLOW.

The silver wedding of Mr. and Mrs. C. L. Buell was celebrated Wednesday night. Rev. M. S. Howard of Wilbraham exchanged with Rev. S. W. McDuffee last Sabbath.

Do not be so muzzled two months longer. Mr. McFintire had one killed recently which showed signs of hydrophobia, as also did Mrs. Tilley of Indian Orchard.

Confidential item: E. E. Charles of this town has bought the Benton house on Oak street, Springfield, and is tearing it down preparatory to building a new one, and when it is completed he will move into it—and he doesn't expect to go alone. P. D. Fuller will do the carpentry work. A barn has already been built on the place.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

The selectmen have ordered all dogs to be muzzled after Feb. 1st or confined.

Albert Bedurtha has sold his farm of 70 acres to John C. Vinica for \$1100. It is reported that Mr. Bedurtha will go into business in Springfield with John Ormsby. Mr. Vinica will occupy the farm himself after next April.

The committee of the town have forwarded their petition for the division of the town to the Legislature. The petition is almost a unanimous expression of the town, being signed by about 500 legal voters.

In our item last week in regard to the post office a mistake was made in ascribing remarks to Mr. Smith he never made, but which were made by another person entirely. The item should have read, "Augustus on the Seaside says the office must be returned or the guillotine will be put in operation," etc.

BELECHERTOWN.

J. R. Gould has filled a large house near Dorman's pond with 227 tons of solid ice, and will furnish ice to all who desire the coming summer.

Payson W. Lyman, pastor of the Cong. church, gave the fourth lecture in the course last Thursday evening. Subject: "Mound Building in the Mississippi Valley."

Elliot Bridgman has sold his interest in the store to George Longley, son of S. W. Longley. Mr. Bridgman contemplates making Minnesota his home in the future.

Mrs. Augustus White was thrown from a buggy by a runaway horse while driving with her nephew, Nelson Cook, last Friday afternoon, and much injured. Her scalp was almost wholly taken off by the wheel, and she was also injured internally. Mrs. White is the wife of a former landlord of the Union House. Dr. Thompson is her attending physician, and he has a faint hope of her recovery.

WEST WARREN.

Jig sawing is coming into style again, and still the finest specimens come from the tin shop on Main street.

Mr. Rockwell Keeney is absent on a tour through the West for the purpose of buying stock for the flock mill.

Rev. F. O. Sheehan lectured to a full house at the Catholic church Wednesday evening on "The Life of Daniel O'Connell."

Holden & Co. opened their branch store Monday and there is a noticeable decline in prices at the other stores, and buyers are rejoiced. Meat has also fallen in price, owing to the new market.

George Bliss commenced to harvest ice from the No. 2 mill pond last week, but was obliged to suspend operations before filling his ice house because of the thaw. Last season proved that the new 100-ton ice house does not hold enough to supply the village.

Scarlet fever and canker rash have appeared, and at one time there was talk of closing the schools to prevent its spreading, but at present there will be nothing done but to notify scholars who have been exposed to any disease of the kind to stay at home.

WALES.

The Savings Bank has declared a semi-annual dividend of 2½ per cent.

Father Kemp is getting up an old folks concert, to be given in ye olden style and tune.

Nearly all the ice houses have been filled this week with nice ice ten inches thick. W. J. Thompson has put away 25 tons in his new house for his meat business next summer.

The remainder of Smith & Co.'s goods were closed out Friday by ex-Sheriff Randall for about \$250, which will be all the creditors will be likely to get to satisfy three or four thousand dollars.

The house of Michael Welsh came near being burned last week; only vigorous efforts of the inmates and neighbors saved it.

A debating society was organized Monday evening in Shaw's hall, where next Monday evening the question, "Which is the most conducive to happiness, a married or a single life?" will be discussed by several old bachelors whose names we will not mention now, but hope they may catch an inspiration that will prompt them to duty. The officers of the society are, O. Crawford, Pres.; B. Fry, Vice Pres.; H. Hubbard, Secy.; E. Sherman, Treas.

BRIMFIELD.

Chamberlain's panoramic exhibition at the town hall on the evening of the 17th was, as might have been expected, not a success; but few spectators being present. The time for a correct panoramic representation of the Turco-Russian war has not yet arrived, and any representation of the scenes of battles or naval engagements at this date are fruitful and spontaneous imaginations of a peculiarly mental organization, and not of facts or occurrences as they actually took place, and as the public are desirous of seeing.

The ladies' arrival of skating on the ice was abruptly brought to a close by the January thaw, much to the chagrin and disappointment of the fair skaters of Brimfield who were out during the few bright winter days of the past week encased in furs, defying old Boreas to enter the list for the supremacy in endurance on the skating rink; thermometer 14 below zero. Your correspondent didn't wait to see the result, but it is fair to presume that the ladies came off conquerors, for who ever knew a lady to succumb? "When she will, she will, you may depend on it; and when she won't, she won't, and that's the end of it."

As announced from the pulpit on Sunday previous, the members of the Cong. church met in the vestry on Friday the 18th, to take into consideration and discuss the propriety of convening a council having for its object the dismissal of their most excellent pastor, Rev. W. K. Peirce. The meeting was somewhat protracted, and elicited a good deal of relevant and irrelevant discussion, and some portions of it as appeared to outsiders were not in the most Christian spirit. The most affecting remarks were made by Col. A. L. Converse, who deprecated with much feeling the dissensions and divisions in the church, and spoke with great energy and pathos against an incendiary publication that appeared in the Springfield *Daily Union* of the 17th inst. However, after considerable more talk and some feeling, a vote was called for and taken upon the question of organizing a council for dismissal, which elicited a decided negative of yeas 29, nays 57; greatly to the disappointment and discomfiture of the contents, one of whom was heard to remark that she wished they had a minister that could preach to "we Christians." She ought to be gently reminded of the words of her blessed Lord and Redeemer: "They that are well need not a physician, but they that are sick."

This unfortunate quarrel dates back for its origin to the time, some years ago, when one merchant began to sell meal five cents a hundred cheaper than his rival in business. Bitter feelings were engendered, which in due time found their way into the church choir, where one party would not sing if another party played, and vice versa. So it has gone on until now the minister is brought into it. "Behold, how great a matter a little fire kindleth!" But it is hoped that the matter is now put at rest.

WARE AND VICINITY.

Three new houses are going up on West Main street in the spring.

The promised temperance lecture by E. A. Morse of Canton has been indefinitely postponed.

The Ladies' Benevolent Society met at the house of Mrs. Joseph Hartwell Wednesday afternoon and evening.

The Young Ladies' Charitable Society will be held next Wednesday afternoon and evening at Mrs. F. P. Clark's.

The young people and children of the town met at the chapel Saturday afternoon, to form a temperance society of their own.

The high school will continue as usual. Mr. W. W. McClench of Chicopee will act as principal during the remainder of the term.

A masquerade ball will be held at Music Hall next Thursday evening, to which no one will be admitted without tickets of invitation. The gallery will be open to the public at 25 cents each.

F. A. Frederick's vocal and instrumental concert held at Music Hall Tuesday evening was very well attended. The instrumental music was very good, especially the cornet playing, which received hearty applause.

The high school debating society has thus far been successful. The school seems to be favored with several very good debaters, and the questions usually discussed are not beyond their reach. The question Wednesday evening was, "Should suffrage be universal?" which was decided in the affirmative.

Francis Brunelle, a Frenchman living in Gilbertville, fixed his coal fire Monday evening to last all night, shutting the damper and leaving a cover off. At five o'clock next morning five of the family were found helpless, caused by gas escaping from the stove. They have so far recovered that they are considered out of danger.

The Ware auxiliary of the Woman's Foreign Missionary Society of the Methodist Episcopal church will hold its annual meeting Wednesday afternoon and evening, Jan. 30th, at the Methodist church. A meeting for the transaction of business will be held at 3 p. m. At 7½ o'clock a public meeting will be held, which will be addressed by Mrs. Rev. H. Lummis of Monson. Other exercises, consisting of readings, dialogues and recitations, will be interspersed.

The interest in the temperance movement remains unabated. Crowded houses, addressed by Mr. Palmer, are held nightly, and a large number have signed the pledge. Music Hall was never so full as it was last Saturday evening, when Mr. James H. Mellen of Worcester, a member of the legislature, delivered an interesting lecture on temperance, and Father Moran administered the pledge to a large number. Mr. Palmer closed his labors here Thursday night.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

Edward Bartley, 57 years old, was killed by the cars at Fitchburg last Saturday.

J. D. Groat of Worcester, an

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

The moonstone is again a fashionable jewel.
The fantastic name for suicide is "euthanasia."
Hats are larger and bonnets smaller than ever.
"Fig pie" is the latest delicacy of the culinary art.
The Don Carlos cap is worn both by boys and girls.
Long tulle tails, studded with silver stars, are worn.
Large cords are no longer used on stylish dresses.
Iridal slippers or boots are trimmed with flowers.
Maine finds its agricultural college a costly luxury.
Flat pockets of lace are seen on the most elegant dresses.
Metallic ribbons are popular for trimming light dresses.
Macramé lace is much used for ornamenting table-cloths.
"Mr. and Mrs. Jane Coombs" were registered in a Chicago hotel.
Table linen is embroidered in colors, with initials in each corner.
Neckties for ladies are out of fashion; cravat bows are worn instead.
There is only one native of Ireland in the lower branch of Congress.
Maine now stands as the sixth State in lumber; once she stood first.
Bright-colored silk vests are worn with dark dresses by young ladies.
The Union Club of New York spends \$50,000 a year on servants alone.
Lace harbors are worn around the neck fastened by a bow or flower.
Temple Bar, London, which is being demolished, was completed in 1672.
English gossip—Lord Beaconsfield and Queen Victoria are to get married.
Five thousand pounds of artificial butter are manufactured daily in Pittsburgh.
Every male citizen of Atlanta, Ga., is taxed \$5 for the maintenance of the streets.
The warm weather in Louisiana has had a very injurious effect upon the sugar cane.
A Brooklyn judge has decided, in a will case, that suicide is not a proof of insanity.
Take care of the pennies and the pounds will be taken care of by some other person.
Fish are peddled in portable tanks in Japan, the law requiring them to be sold alive.
A new dress trimming is velvet cut in lace pattern and embroidered with colored silk.
Victor Emmanuel and Napoleon III. died on the 9th of January, precisely five years apart.
The pointed helmet of the German army has been decided upon for that of Great Britain.
Cashmere stockings in pale shades of blue, embroidered with damask roses are exquisite.
A nickel mine has just been discovered in Milan, N. H., the fourth in the United States.
A man in a Nevada mill was bored through by a two-inch auger that was run by machinery.
William M. Tweed has applied to the New York Supreme Court for a discharge under the poor debtor's oath.
Old-fashioned pouches or reticules are worn again, suspended from the side to hold the handkerchief and fan.
The London Lancet says that out of every hundred persons buried our living person is consigned to the tomb.

S. H. Wales & Son of 114 Nassau street, New York, have begun the publication of a new semi-monthly, the *Scientific News*. It is quarto in form, illustrated with engravings, and is filled with useful and interesting information concerning the Industrial Arts, Sciences, New Inventions, Patents, etc., besides a page of receipts and hints for the workshop and family which will be found very useful and valuable. Specimen copies will be furnished on application, and it will be sent for a year for the low price of \$1.

PALMER POST OFFICE.

OFFICE HOURS—From 7.00 a. m. to 8.30 p. m.; Sundays from 9.00 to 10.00 a. m.
MAILS CLOSED AND OPEN.
New York and Southern—Close at 11 a. m., 5.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 9 p. m.
Albany and Western—Close at 8 and 11 a. m., 5.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 11.45 a. m., and 8.45 p. m.
Springfield—Close at 8 and 11 a. m., 5.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m., 9 and 8.30 p. m.
Springfield West—Close at 8 and 11 a. m., and 5.30 p. m.; open at 8 and 11.45 a. m., and 6.30 p. m.
Boston and Eastern—Close at 7.30 and 11.20 a. m., 1.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 8.30 a. m., and 6 p. m.
East Way to Boston—Close at 7.30 a. m., 1.20 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 11.15 a. m., and 6 p. m.
Brattleboro Way—Close at 7.30 a. m.; open at 6.15 p. m.
Vermont and Western New Hampshire—Close at 7.30 and 11 a. m.; open at 11.45 a. m., and 6.15 p. m.
Amherst, Belchertown and Three Rivers—Close at 7.30 a. m., 1.20 p. m.; open at 11.15 a. m., 6.15 p. m.
New London Way—Close at 1.20 p. m.; open at 11.15 a. m.
Monson, Stafford Springs, Norwich and New London—Close at 7.30 a. m. and 1.20 p. m.; open at 11.15 a. m. and 6.45 p. m.
Winchendon Way—Close at 7.30 a. m.; open at 6.45 p. m.
Thornlike, Ware, Gilbertville, Barre and Winchendon—Close at 7.30 a. m. and 3.15 p. m.; open at 11 a. m. and 6.45 p. m.
Athol and Springfield R. R. Way—Close at 7.30 a. m.; open at 6.15 p. m.
Postal Cars attached to the trains which leave Palmer for the East at 7.45 and 11.07 a. m., and 1.45 p. m.; for the West at 8.15 and 11.07 a. m., and 1.45 and 1.55 p. m.; for the North, via New London Northern R. R., at 8.15 a. m.; for the South, via N. L. N. R. R., at 2.10 p. m.; for Winchendon and Way, via Ware River R. R., at 8.20 a. m. Letters may be mailed at any of these cars previous to their departure.

BOSTON TRAVELLER.—Price Reduced.—A large reduction has been made in the price of the Semi-Weekly and Weekly editions of the *Traveller*. See announcement in our columns. 4w43

Clapp, the great shoe dealer of Springfield, is underselling everybody. The people who visit Springfield for Boots and Shoes find it pays to visit his store above all others, at 312 Main street, opposite the Daily Union office.

Prof. Burchard, the famous magician, is making great preparations for his coming tour through the country. His is no gift show, but he gives the full worth of your money in magic. He will exhibit in Palmer and Ware soon.

One Trial is sufficient to convince the most skeptical of the invaluable and unfailing efficacy of Madame Zadoc Porter's Curative Balsam for the cure of Colds, Coughs, Hoarseness, shortness of Breathing, Asthma, Difficulty of Breathing, Inflammation, Ticks in the Throat, &c. Has been in use over forty years. Price, 25c., and 75c. per bottle. 4w11

"NO CURE, NO PAY."—We authorize our agents to guarantee that our Medicine, if taken according to directions, will relieve constipation and the diseases incident to a torpid liver; and if any one will show by positive proof that it has not produced what we guarantee, they are entitled to a return of their money, provided they take the genuine Simmons's Liver Regulator by the directions.

Gorman & Wood of Springfield are selling first-class pianos and organs. They also keep a full stock of sheet music, small instruments and musical goods of all kinds. Our readers going to the city will find this well furnished store in Gilmore's Block, next to Music Hall, and will also find prices low. Music teachers will get special rates there. Pianos and organs are kept to rent, and a first-class tuner, who will call at any address out of town.

"German Syrup."

No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Boese's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed, FREE OF CHARGE, by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia, and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been that druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your druggist and ask what they know about it. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case. 6w44

HANDSOME PICTURES FREE.—The publishers of LEISURE HOURS, a mammoth 16-page literary and family paper, full of choice stories, sketches, poetry, etc., written by the ablest writers, desiring that every one should see their paper, will take three months' subscriptions, commencing with the papers containing the opening chapters of a splendid story entitled "Holden With the Cords," by the author of "Shiloh," "My Winter in Cuba," etc., for the small sum of fifteen cents (or postage stamps), and will send each subscriber free a pair of elegant 6x8 chromos, suitable for framing and adorning any home. They will return the money to any one not satisfied that they get twice its value. \$1,500 in prizes is given free to agents.

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all persons complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 125 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y. 4w43

Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer.

We are authorized to guarantee this remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Inactive Liver, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of food, Yellow Skin and General Languor and Debility. You must acknowledge that this would be ruinous unless we had positive evidence it will cure. You who are suffering from these complaints these words are addressed—and will you continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms? It is for you to determine. Sample bottle 10 cents; regular size 75 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, 50,000 die annually by neglecting a Cough, Cold or Croup, often leading to Consumption and the grave. Why will you neglect so important a matter when you can get at our store SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, with the assurance of a speedy recovery. For Soreness across the Chest or Lungs or Lamé Back or Side, SHILOH'S PLEURISY PLASTER gives prompt relief. Sold by G. H. APPLETON. HACKMETACK, a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, Palmer, Mass. Elsewhere by dealers generally. 6w1y17

A New and Sure Cure

For Liver and Kidney Diseases, Nervous Debility, Vital Weakness and Depression; a weak, exhausted and gloomy feeling; no energy or courage, the result of mental overwork or indiscretion, &c. It is found in Dr. Gage's famous "LIVER, KIDNEY AND NERVE PILLS," which have performed more marvelous cures of Dyspepsia, Habitual Constipation, Gravel, Liver and Kidney Diseases, Nervous and Sick Headache, Spine and Female Diseases, Dizziness, Palpitation of the Heart and Nervous Debility of either sex than any remedy extant. They are the best, the best vegetable pills ever offered to afflicted humanity, and should be in every house. A few doses will save heavy doctors' bills. If your druggist hasn't them, take no cheap and worthless substitute, but send 25c. to DR. GAGE & CO., Saratoga, N. Y., and receive them by mail. For sale in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON, Pharmacist and Druggist. 1y36w20

It Has Stood the Test.

If you doubt the wonderful success of SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, give it a trial; then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that consumption can be cured, while for coughs, hoarseness, asthma, whooping cough and all lung or throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails. 10 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore, or chest or back lame, use SHILOH'S PLEURISY PLASTER. Price 25 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

DR. SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER is no doubt the most successful cure for dyspepsia and liver complaint we have ever known, otherwise we would not guarantee it. In cases of consumption, where general debility, loss of appetite and constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system, while SHILOH'S CURE allays the inflammation and heals the lungs. Price 75 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

HACKMETACK, a rich and fragrant perfume. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, Palmer, Mass. and elsewhere by dealers generally. 6w1y18

BORN.

At Bondville, 18th, a son (Philip the 6th) to P. H. POTTER.

MARRIED.

At South Wilbraham, 21st, by Rev. E. P. Root, JAMES DRAKE of Jersey City, N. J., and Mrs. EDITH MOORE of South Wilbraham. At Springfield, 15th, EDSON W. BAKER and LATTIE A. SMITH. At Ludlow, 10th, by Rev. N. H. Martin, WILLIAM C. S. CHAMBERLAIN and ELEANOR C. ALLEN, both of Vernon, Ct.

DIED.

At Ware, 20th, ESTELLA DUNNIGAN, 19. At Washington, D. C., 9th, ANNIE FRENCH, wife of Dr. Wm. Byrnes, formerly a resident of Ware. At Ludlow, 22d, HORACE B. DIMOCK, 39, oldest brother of L. Dimock of Palmer. At West Warren, 20th, infant son of JOHN S. and ANNIE TONGUE. At Stockton, 21st, SIMON BLAIR, 39 yrs., 6 mos., and 28 days, the oldest man in town. At Amherst, 17th, Mrs. LUCY A. DAVIS, 67, wife of the late Dr. Amos Davis of Palmer. The remains were brought to Palmer for interment. At Harwick, 17th, Mrs. PLINY ALDEN, 73. At Holyoke, 21st, ELIZABETH, 60, wife of William B. Whitig. At Springfield, 11th, DENNIS HUNNARD, 63; 17th, Mrs. HARRIET S. ALLEN, 63; 22d, ROSWELL C. PARSONS, 73. At Stockton, Cal., 16th, JOHN F. SPAULDING, 43, organizer of the Spaulding Brothers' Swiss bell-ringers and a native of Chelmsford.

SHERIFF'S SALE.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS. HAMDEN ss.—Taken on mesne process, and will be sold at public auction on Thursday, January 21st, 1878, at 10 o'clock a. m., on the premises of Charles Sherman, near Palmer Center, the following described personal property, viz: Two cows, two heifers, three calves, two horses, two boys, one goat, one pig, one chicken, one turkey, one rooster, one hen, one cat, one dog, one straw, one corn fodder, one two-horse wagon, two buggy wagons, one pair of harness, one open horse, one horse, about 75 bushels corn in the ear, about 20 bushels oats. J. A. PALMER, Deputy Sheriff. Palmer, Jan. 24th, 1878.

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SETS.—HAMDEN ss.—January 5, 1878.

Dist. Court of Eastern Hampden, in the county of Hampden, George Robinson of Palmer, in said county, plaintiff, and Dewey K. Hinkok of Brimfield, in said county, defendant. In an action of contract for the recovery of three hundred dollars, as by writ on file in this court will more fully appear.

And now it appearing to said court that said defendant, at the time of the service of the writ, was not an inhabitant of or resident in this Commonwealth, and that no legal service thereof had been made on him. It is ordered that notice be given to said defendant to appear at a term of said court to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on Saturday, the sixteenth day of February next, or his default will be recorded and judgment rendered against him, and that said notice be given by publishing an attested copy of this order, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed in Palmer, in said county of Hampden, three weeks successively, the last publication to be on the first day of February, and by serving him with an attested copy of this order seven days before said sixteenth day of February.

Witness my hand and seal of said Court.

A Copy. Attest: JAS. G. ALLEN, Justice of said Court.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SETS.—HAMDEN ss.—PROBATE COURT.

To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Samuel B. Spooner, late of Brimfield, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, S. S. Tatt, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented to said court his petition for license to sell so much of the real estate of said deceased as will raise the sum of one thousand seven hundred and forty-seven dollars and ninety-three cents, for the payment of debts and administration.

You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court to be holden at Palmer, in said county, on the second Tuesday of February next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the same should not be allowed. And said Administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the Palmer Journal, a newspaper printed at said Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.

Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said court, this fourth day of January, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.

SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.

SETS.—HAMDEN ss.—PROBATE COURT.

To all persons interested in the estate of Benjamin Wallace, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:

Whereas, Joshua Tracy, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased;

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Has the dark winged angel brooded—
Three times has its summons come.

Yes, three times in quick succession
Have the shadows dark been cast,
Three times has the slow procession
From one darkened dwelling passed.

All the little circle taken,
All now slumbering side by side,
Those in life so loved, so lovely,
Even death could not divide.

Desolate is now the dwelling,
Oh, how changed since New Year's day!
Who can speak the parent's anguish,
O, what words their grief portray!

All the doting mother's nestlings
Suddenly have taken flight,
And her empty arms are folded
On her aching breast to-night.

All their garments and their playthings
She with tears has laid aside,
And their little chairs are vacant,
Morning, noon, and eventide.

Never more in weary hours
They the father's knee will climb,
Never more their arms around him
In a fond embrace will twine.

All their gleeful, mirthful prattle
Is forever hushed and still,
And the empty void that's left now
Earth has nothing that can fill.

Sorrowing ones, in this dark hour
Of your deep, unuttered grief,
Gladly would I proffer solace,
Gladly bring your hearts relief.

But the hand that has afflicted
Can alone assuage your woe,
He hath torn and He can heal you;
Yes, in love He dealt the blow.

'Tis but little time at longest,
That death's waters can divide;
Soon a glad reunion waits you
With your loved ones o'er the tide.

Palmer, Jan. 12, 1878. S. W. C.

THE FASHIONABLE—WHAT!

It is said of a recent "fashionable" marriage in Jacksonville, Wis.: "The ceremony was performed by Rev. Mr. Swift, father of the bride, and was of the simplest kind. There was no ring, no questions asked, nothing but a few words spoken in a solemn and impressive manner, and the knot was tied."

This indicates a common and spreading notion in regard to the marriage tie. "No questions were asked," and consequently no obligations were taken, except in a tacit way. There does not appear to have been even the old Puritan idea of legal obligation attached, much less the religious one which the church has always held, and which is as old as humanity itself. The idea implied is that marriage is a partnership of mere convenience, of a nature similar to that which Brown & Jones enter into when they agree to keep a corner grocery store together, except that Brown & Jones usually have some formal and written agreement, drawn up and signed after the forms of law. Forms of course are nothing, unless they signify something, and of course the object in getting rid of forms is to get rid of the things they signify. Such items as the above mean this and only this.—*Churchman.*

THE SAND IN EGYPT.

The sand has played a preservative part in Egypt, and has saved for future investigators much that would have otherwise disappeared. Miss Martineau says, in her "Eastern Life": "If I were to have the choice of a fairy gift, it should be like none of the many things I fixed upon in my childhood, in readiness for such occasions. It would be for a great winnowing fan, such as would, without injury to human eyes and lungs, blow away the sand which buries the monuments of Egypt. What a scene would be laid open to them! One statue and sarcophagus, brought from Memphis, was buried 130 feet below the mound surface. Who knows but that the greater part of old Memphis, and of other glorious cities, lies almost unharmed under the sand! Who can say what armies of sphinxes, what sentinels of colossal might start up on the banks of the river, or come forth from the hillside of the interior, when the clouds of sand have been wafted away? All will be discovered in good time; we are not yet ready for it; it is desirable we should be further advanced in our power of interpretation before the sand will be wholly blown away. But in truth it will need a high wind to do it, begin when it may."

He was so drunk that he could not walk, could scarcely move and only partially articulate. A friend of his came up and upbraided him. "If I were in your place," said the friend, "I'd go out in the woods and hang myself." "If (hie) you were in my place, how (hie) the deuce (hie) would you get to (hie) the woods?" was the squelching inquiry.

The merchant who thought he could save money by not advertising, found that he was right. After doing business for several months unknown to the public, he was able to discharge a number of salesmen whose salaries he saved.

Could anything be neater than the old colored man's reply to a beautiful young lady whom he offered to lift over the gutter, and who insisted that she was too heavy? "Lor', Missus," said he, "I've used to lifting barrels of sugar."

"How does the new cow answer?" asked one man of another who had lately purchased a cow. "I really can't say," he replied, "for I've never asked her any questions."

Some vile traducer says that for a month before marriage and a month after death men regard their wives as angels. Of the remaining time he has nothing to say.

"Honesty is the best policy, but it keeps a man very poor," said Gregg, the grocer, while he wetted the sugar without putting any sand in it.

HOME AMUSEMENTS.

A close observer of American life said to us the other day that a change had come in the last ten years to the home of the country. And in answer to our interrogation, he proceeded to point out the character of this change. One point which he made was that a great many games of skill and chance were being played in New England homes, to-day, which were not known, or if known, were forbidden by parents ten years ago. Our own observation coincides with his on this point. We know that chess within the last ten years has captured for itself a high place in popular regard. It speaks well for a people when such an intellectual game can become popular. For it takes brains to play chess even moderately well, and none but clever and thoughtful people would ever like it. We notice also that cards are no longer abjured as they were once in households. Whist and eucire are domiciled to-day in homes where, a decade ago, their names could not have been spoken safely save in a whisper. Checkers are not perhaps universal, but they are more fashionable. They have fought their way into high life; and whereas they once found their friends in the village tavern and in the farmer's kitchen, they are now admitted into the parlors of the wealthy and refined. The games played with historical cards are also numerous, and many of them pleasantly exciting. And you find them in almost every household.

Now all this is very pleasant and hopeful. It reveals to the thinker the fact that home life is more vivacious and happy than it used to be; that the long dull evenings are being enlivened with sprightly and stimulating amusements, and that the home circle is charged with attractions which it once sadly lacked. These games are helping to make the homes of the country happier, helping to make the children more contented with their homes, and in doing this they are helping to make the country more intelligent and more virtuous. By wise parents these games are looked upon as essential. They help solve the problem of home amusements and recreation; and this, as all parents know, is one of the gravest problems they have to solve. Parents, make your homes as happy as you possibly can for your children and their mates. Fill them with fun and frolic, and the cheerfulness of spirited social life. Play these games with your children themselves, and thus share their joys with them; and feed your happiness on the spectacle of theirs.

A great many homes are like the frame of a harp that stands without strings. In form and outline they suggest music; but no melody rises from the empty spaces; and thus it happens that home is unattractive, dreary and dull. Let us hope that this introduction of pleasant games—which try both the wit and patience of the children, and of the older ones, too, for that matter—may become the fashion of the times, until every home in the land shall be perfectly furnished with these accessories of profit and pleasure. For the children's sake let the reformation go on until every child shall have, in his father's house, be it humble or costly, such appliances and helps for his entertainment that he shall find his joy under his father's roof and in his mother's presence.

Mother Goose Melodies, which are said to have been composed by an old lady in Boston and published by her son who was a printer, are now claimed to have originated away back in past centuries, and on the other side of the ocean. "Sing a Song of Sixpence" was sung in the sixteenth century. "The Frog and the Mouse" was licensed in 1580, and "Three Blind Mice" belongs to the same period. "Pussy Cat, Pussy Cat, where have you been?" was a nursery rhyme in Queen Elizabeth's day; and "Girls and Boys Come out to Play" was written in the reign of Charles II.; "The Old Woman Tossed in a Blanket" was popular in the days of James II.; and "Little Jack Horner" is older than the seventeenth century.

"Bear ye one another's burdens and so fulfil the law of Christ." And since it is beyond our power to always know the burden of another, let us be tender, patient, pitiful, and compassionate to all; knowing that in a sinful world there are none that do not need our sympathy and prayers, none who do not bear burdens, none who are exempt from pains and woes and tears.

A Maine paper tells this story: "The children were in the habit of sliding down a hill near the house, accompanied by a favorite dog. Early one morning they discovered that the dog had taken the sled, drawn it to the top, and was now sliding down hill all alone by himself; and this was frequently repeated."

"Sir," said a little blustering man to a religious opponent, "to what sect do you suppose I belong?" "Well, I don't exactly know," replied his opponent, "but to judge from your size, appearance and constant buzzing, I should think you belonged to the class generally called insect."

Coming back from a little trip to Havre a Parisian bewails his misfortunes to his railway companion. "One thing is certain, you won't catch me on any more of these pleasure excursions. I lost my wife and my name." And then he adds with tears in his voice, "A new name, too."

It destroys a man's confidence in the dinner to come home and find his wife clubbing a strange dog out of the yard with the vegetable masher.

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Archer Clifton was a wealthy land-owner in the western part of Massachusetts. He was a noble, warm-hearted young man, and when he became engaged to Blanche Ellwell, whose princely estate adjoined his own, every one said it would be a fine match.

Blanche was loving, tender, impulsive, and very beautiful; her eyes were of a violet hue, her hair a rich dark brown, and her complexion pure as a lily. All her heart's affection was centered on Archer, and he returned her love in full. Had it not been for one thing theirs would have been a happy courtship and marriage; that one thing was Blanche's jealousy; and this is how it came about:—

Mrs. Clifton, Archer's mother, had received into her home her recently orphaned niece, Viola. At first Blanche thought nothing of it, but when her friends began to playfully remind her that Archer's love might be transferred to his lovely little cousin, her jealous spirit became aroused. Even the cousinly kindness which Archer extended toward his bereaved young relative, when seen through the veil of jealousy, seemed like so much love-making.

Blanche bore with what she considered her ill-treatment as long as she could, and finally she told Archer he must send his cousin away if he valued her love. Archer was astonished at this strange request.

"Why, Blanche," he said, "I cannot send Viola away. She is poor and friendless, and has no home except the one my mother has given her. You surely do not wish me to send that delicate child into the cold world!"

"Delicate child, indeed!" Blanche exclaimed, scornfully. "She is seventeen—exactly my own age, Mr. Clifton. And as for being delicate, I consider her strong and healthy. However, Archer Clifton, you must choose between us. If you wish to marry me, your cousin must find another home; if she remains in your house we must separate forever."

"Blanche, this is unreasonable. You are my promised wife, and I love you, you alone; yet I cannot grant this request," said Archer. "And you refuse to send her away?" demanded Blanche.

"I cannot send her away, Blanche, for the reasons I have stated. Anything else that you may ask I will do, but this I cannot," Archer said.

"Very well, sir; your engagement is at an end! I see you prefer your cousin's love. I hope she will make you a model wife," and Blanche arose, and haughtily taking the ring from her finger she tossed it toward him. She then started to leave the room, but Archer placed himself by the door, thus barring her exit.

"Oh, Blanche, you do not mean it! You are angry now; some one has been poisoning your mind! I know you love me, and why will you wreck your own happiness as well as mine in this manner? Oh, my darling, anything but this I will do. Where would my cousin go if I turned her out of my home?" and he essayed to take her in his arms, but she drew back haughtily.

"I do not care where she goes. It is plain that you love her better than you do me, and I wish you to understand that I never loved you, and that I now hate you. I command you to let me pass!" she exclaimed.

She flushed, then paled. He quickly opened the door and passed through, murmuring in a husky voice:

"God forgive you for the wrong you have done."

Blanche started after him with a wild cry of grief.

"O, Archer, forgive, forgive!" she exclaimed; but the cry died away on her lips, and she sank senseless to the floor.

When Blanche recovered her consciousness she was in a darkened chamber, and a strange woman was by her side. She started forward, crying spasmodically—

"Archer, O Archer!"

"You must lie still, my dear, and not exert yourself," the woman said, gently forcing her back on her pillow.

"But where am I? And why must I lie still? Is it not morning?" asked Blanche, passing her hand across her forehead in a dazed manner.

"You have been very sick, my child, and now you must keep perfectly quiet and not ask any questions," was the reply.

Blanche did as she was requested, but her recovery was slow. When she was well enough to sit up she learned that Archer Clifton had gone to Europe. Oh, what a sad blow it was to her! How bitterly she repented her foolish jealousy!

Among the first to call on Blanche were Mrs. Clifton and her niece. The former told Blanche the face between her hands and kissed her in a motherly way.

"Oh, Blanche!" she exclaimed, through her tears, "why did you send my boy away?" Blanche had schooled herself for this meeting, and although her heart was nearly broken, she answered calmly that Archer and she had separated for reasons best known to themselves; that the subject was unpleasant to her, and she did not care to speak about it.

The years rolled on. Nothing was heard from Archer Clifton, and even his mother believed him to be dead. Viola married and went to New York to live, and at her earnest solicitation her aunt went to live with her in her new home.

Blanche still remained in her native village, growing more coldly beautiful every day. She made few friends, and was rarely seen to smile. She was termed "the iceberg," and to outward appearance she was very cold; but her heart was warm and sympathetic. She became a regular missionary to the poor, and among them her name was known and

blessed for miles around. Being miserable herself, she strove to atone for her own sufferings by relieving the wants of others.

But where was Archer Clifton all these years? After leaving his home he made a tour of all the principal places in Europe; being still restless, he again went over the same ground. At last he was seized by a restless desire to return home. So intense became this inclination that he could not rid himself of it, and he embarked on his homeward voyage.

Among the cabin passengers were two who attracted his attention—a mother and her child. The mother was a pale, careworn woman; it was plain that she was rapidly dying of that terrible destroyer, consumption. Her daughter was a beautiful girl of twelve years. She soon made friends with Archer, and told him her name was Zana Marco; that her father used to be rich, but he lost all his money and then came to America; that he had not written to them for three years, so she and her mother were going to try to find him.

"In what part of America is your father, little girl?" asked Clifton.

"Oh, we don't know. Mamma says she's afraid we can't find him; but I've got a nice plan. I'm going out every day to walk up and down the streets, and I'm sure I'll find my father some day," said Zana, nodding her head confidently.

Archer smiled sadly at the child's faith and simplicity, but he thought it was best not to mislead her.

When they were within three days' sail from land, Zana came on deck shrieking and crying that her mother was dead! It was true; the poor woman had passed quietly away in the night. She was speedily arrayed for her watery grave, the greedy waves swallowed the beloved form, and the ship went on its way as though nothing had happened.

Heaven pity the poor motherless child which it carried with it! What would become of her? Better, far better, to leave her with her dead mother! Thus thought Archer Clifton as he gazed on the grief-stricken girl. At last a thought struck him. Why not adopt the child, and thus save her from harm? He was well able to do so, and he would do it.

"Zana," he said, stroking her hair, "where will you go when we reach New York?"

"Oh, I don't know! I have no place to go unless I can find papa," said Zana, sobbing harder than ever.

"Do not weep so, poor child," said Archer. "I will take care of you. Will you come with me and be my little girl?"

Zana ceased sobbing and looked at him in surprise.

"Oh, sir," she exclaimed, "will you take care of me till I can find papa?"

"I will, Zana. I will be a father to you until we can find your own father," was the reply.

"And will you always love me?"

"Yes, dear, always."

"Then I will be your little girl!" cried Zana, joyfully, throwing herself into his arms.

Upon arriving in New York Archer took Zana and went immediately to his native village. What was his surprise to learn that his mother was living in New York. Back to that city he and his young charge went by the first train, and great was the joy of that meeting between the mother and son.

Archer took his mother back to their old home, and there was a happy household. Zana became the pet and darling of both mother and son. Only once did Mrs. Clifton mention Blanche's name, and then the stern look on her son's face frightened her so that she never dared to speak of her again.

One day Zana came running in from her play and went immediately to the library, where she was sure of finding Archer.

"O, guardy!" she cried, "who is that beautiful lady who lives in the next house?"

"That is Miss Ellwell, Zana."

"And what is her first name?"

"Her first name is Blanche," said Archer, his voice trembling, for this was the first time her name had passed his lips since they parted six long years ago.

"Blanche Ellwell! What a beautiful name! And Miss Ellwell is just as beautiful as her name, only she is so cold and sad; she looks like marble. What makes her so sad, guardy? She looks as if no one loved her. Does any one love her?"

"If there were all must be loved by some one, dear Zana," said Archer.

"Do you love Miss Ellwell, guardy?" asked Zana innocently.

Archer turned pale.

"Does not the Bible tell us that we must love one another?" he asked. "But tell me how you came to see this lady."

"I was walking along the street, and I stopped to look at the pretty flowers in her garden, when I heard the sweetest voice say, 'What is your name, little girl?' I looked up and Miss Ellwell was standing by my side."

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He strained her passionately to his heart, covering her face with kisses.

"Oh, Archer, do you forgive me? I have suffered so much."

"Darling, I do forgive you," was Archer's reply.

"Dear Archer, I repented my hasty words the moment they were spoken, and Heaven only knows the misery I have endured since then. When we all thought you were dead I considered myself your murderer. It seems hardly believe you love me still. Oh, I can hardly dream," said Blanche, half smiling, half weeping, as she gazed fondly into his eyes.

"My own darling, I will very soon make it real by marrying you. You must become my wife-to-day," Archer replied.

"Oh, I—I cannot!" gasped the girl, half frightened.

"Dearest, you must. I have waited so long for you, and now I can wait no longer. Will you not do as I wish in this?" he pleaded.

"Yes, Archer, I will," replied Blanche, as she hid her face on his shoulder.

"Thank God for such happiness!" he exclaimed, fervently. "But where is my little Zana?" Only for her we should never have known this happiness, I fear. Oh, Blanche, you will not be jealous of Zana?"

"Archer, don't!" exclaimed Blanche, as the tears sprang to her eyes.

"Forgive me, dearest, for wounding you, and we will never mention the painful subject again. We will now go home to mother and Zana."

Zana had slipped away from the lovers and hurried home to tell Mrs. Clifton that Archer was dead in the grove "hugging and kissing Miss Ellwell." The dear old lady understood at once, and met the reunited lovers at the door.

"God bless you, my children!" she exclaimed, as she embraced them both.

"Here is your daughter, mother. She has promised to marry me to-night," said Archer.

"He coaxed and persuaded until I was obliged to consent, Mrs. Clifton," Blanche replied, laughing.

"I am glad it is so, dear. I have long wished to call you daughter," was the reply.

The wedding followed that evening. It would be hard to tell who was the happiest, the bride, the groom, or Zana, as she fluttered about like a bird from one to the other.

All of Archer's efforts to find the child's father were fruitless. It was evident that he was dead, so Zana remained the almost idolized child of her kind friends. Other children came to them after a time, but Zana was loved as well, if not better, than any of them.

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A puddle is a woman's pet, and I have seen some I would like to swap livings with.

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Great thinkers are not apt to be great whistlers. When a man can't think of anything he loves to whistle.

Love is like the measles; you can't have it but once, and the later in life we have it the tougher it goes with us.

The reputation a man gets from his ancestors wants, about as much altering to fit him as their clothes would.

Don't despise poor relations. They might get rich some day, and then it would be so hard to live in things.

Mice can live anywhere comfortably but in a church. This proves that they can't live on religion any more than a minister can.

There is no woman stationed on the face of the earth who tries so hard to do right and fails oftener than the average mother-in-law.

When I hear a man bragging about what he did last year, and what he is going to do next year, I can tell pretty near what he is doing now.

This life is a game of cards. We must play the hands dealt to us, and the credit is not so much in winning as in playing a poor hand well.

An enthusiast is an individual who believes about four times as much as he can prove, and can prove four times as much as anybody else will believe.

Neatness, in my opinion, is one of the virtues. I have always considered it twin sister to chastity, but none work so hard as the victim of castaneous neatness. I have seen a neat person who could not tell a weary fly rest long enough on their best wall paper to take breath, and who would chase a single cockroach up and down stairs until his legs were worn off.

IT WASN'T THE TOOTHACHE.

In the ladies' waiting-room at the Central depot, the other day, were a newly-married couple from Great Lake. They had been visiting in the city two or three days, and were ready to go home. They sat by the side of, of course, his arm around her waist, and she leaning on his shoulder. A long, waisted stranger from the East, having rosy eyes and a big heart, walked in, saw them thus seated, and in about a minute he asked of the husband:

"Has that 'ere woman got the toothache?"

The husband looked up in surprise, but made no answer. After two or three minutes the long-waisted man again remarked:

"If that woman has got the toothache, I've got a bottle of peppermint in my satchel here."

The bride rolled her big white eyes around, and the husband looked somewhat embarrassed. The man from down East unlocked his satchel, fumbled among shirts and collars, and brought up about four ounces of peppermint essence. He uncorked it, touched the contents of the bottle against his big red tongue, and handed it toward the husband, feelingly saying:

"Just have her sup some on a rag and rub the bottle in her hair. We've used it in our family for—"

The bride's eyes threw out sparks as she lifted her head from its loving position, and striking at the bottle, she snarled out:

"Tut-tut-tut, you fule! If you don't know the difference 'tween true love' and the tuthache, you'd better pick grass with the geese!"

"My Lord!" gasped the man, and he hurried out with his satchel in one hand and the bottle in the other.—*Detroit Free Press.*

Home.

Stay, stay at home, my heart, and rest; Home-keeping hearts are happiest. For those that wander they know not where Are full of trouble and full of care; To stay at home is best.

Weary and homesick and distressed They wander east, they wander west, Are buffeted and beaten and blown about By the winds of the wilderness of doubt; To stay at home is best.

Then stay at home, my heart, and rest; The bird is safest in its nest; O'er all that flutter their wings and fly A hawk is hovering in the sky; To stay at home is best.

—H. W. Longfellow, in Feb. Atlantic.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Boston, Jan. 26, 1878.

The cats have proved a great attraction. They have had hundreds of visitors since their reception opened. There were pussy cats of every kind and degree, even to the wild cat, of which there was one specimen. The most curious specimens of the feline tribe were the hairless cats which were born in Bradford, N. H., and owned by a gentleman in this city. In color they are like a greyhound, a sort of a fawn color, but the shape is unmistakably that of a cat; they are very lithe and active, and are more curious than beautiful. In one cage was a yellow cat and a tiny black and tan terrier, scarcely larger than a kitten; this strange pair are inseparable; "Peter," the cat, has assumed the care of "Trouble," and the little fellow is devotedly attached to his champion. In another cage was a cat and a skye terrier. There were several Angora cats; one creature that seemed half cat and half rabbit, and a number of raccoon cats. There were several entire families, one a pure Maltese mother with four little gray balls of kittens. One of the daintiest sights was three white kittens quietly sleeping in a blue lined basket; but the most comical puss was a big yellow cat with white nose and stockings, and eyes as bright and yellow as topazes. You would be astonished at the number of persons who have developed an interest in cats. I saw persons at the exhibition whom I never would have suspected of a weakness in this direction. It is presumed from its success, that although this is the first, it will by no means be the last entertainment of the kind that is given in Boston.

Manager Field is showing his usual enterprise in giving us, at the Museum, the new French play by the author of "The Two Orphans," entitled "The Celebrated Case," only five days after its first representation in this country, at the Union Square Theatre. The story is that of a soldier who is convicted of the murder of his wife, by the testimony of his daughter, a mere child. He is innocent of the crime, and it is on his punishment and the final discovery of the real criminal, that the interest of the play centers.

Although the lecture season is not yet finished, preparations are already being made for next season's work. Farjeon, the novelist, will appear under the auspices of the Lecturers' Bureau. Instead of lecturing he will read his own lovely story, "Blade of Grass." He has appeared in New York and all the papers, even the *Tribune*, were enthusiastic in his praise. Murphy, the temperance agitator, has also been secured by this Bureau. One of the most brilliant successes of the season has been made by Miss Helen Potter. She has not had but two open evenings since early October, and her dates are full until May. She will take no engagements later, for she is going to Paris then, to study and get new costumes. She proposes next year to have a more brilliant entertainment than she has ever given. Miss Stella Brown follows Miss Potter very closely. Her season has been very good, and she has received a recall from every place which she has visited, proves her popularity and merit as well. Among the lecturers Collector Simmons is the last and greatest success, and his second season will be more brilliant than his first. Mr. Gough is going to Europe in the spring and will be absent a year. Although his trip is purely for pleasure, he will lecture a few times for the English Temperance Union. Lyeumms will miss Mr. Gough, for he is one of the few men who are always acceptable and can invariably draw an audience. The Redpath Bureau are to introduce a new reader of recitation with action. This is charming, and its popularity is constantly increasing. The good readers are fast coming to the surface, and the poor ones are left behind; while we have such artists as Prof. Brown, Prof. Raymond and Prof. Churchill among the gentlemen, who are laboring conscientiously to make eloquence a recognized art, and who women as Miss Potter, Miss Brown, Miss Cavan and Mrs. Danity, we may be sure we shall have only the best offered us.

The woman suffrage movement has taken a new departure; has presented itself in a new form and under new auspices. I wonder what those cavillers, whose pet argument has been that the best women did not want to vote, will say, now, that a large portion of the tax-paying women in this and other cities in the State, are asking the right to vote in municipal elections and take part in ward meetings. Even Beacon Hill is agitated over the question and hundreds of property-holding women, who, while they are not in favor of universal suffrage, in its broadest sense, are fully convinced that the principles of the Declaration of Independence are as true now, as they were a hundred years ago, and that if "taxation without representation" was tyranny in 1776, it is equally true in 1878. What the movement will result in, is uncertain, but it is a formidable one. The first meeting was held at the residence of Mrs. Sarah Shaw Russell, at which forty women, representing the most liberal wealth and largest culture, were present. The second was under the auspices of Mrs. Augustus Hemenway, who, you will doubtless recollect, gave \$2000 toward defraying the expenses of Mayor Pierce's election. Similar meetings have been held in South and East Boston, Chelsea, Lowell, Lynn and Haverhill. Petitions are being freely circulated and largely signed. We will see what will become of them. The Legislature is to be fairly besieged by the women. When the end comes, I will tell you what it is.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

A GOOD COMPARISON.

We suppose that people think that newspaper men are persistent duns; but let a farmer place himself in a similar business position, and see if he would not do the same. Suppose he raised one thousand bushels of wheat, and his neighbor should come and buy a bushel, and should say, "I will hand you the amount in a few days." As the farmer don't want to appear small about such a trifling matter, he says all right, and the man leaves with his wheat. Another one comes in the same way until the whole 1,000 bushels of wheat are trusted out to one thousand different persons, and none of the purchasers concern themselves about it, for it is only a small amount he owes the farmer, and of course would not help him any. He does not realize that the farmer has flitted away all his crop of wheat, and that its value is due him in a thousand little dribbles, and that he is seriously embarrassed in his business because his debtors treat it as a small matter. But if all would pay them promptly, which they could do as well as not, it would be a very large amount to the farmer, and would enable him to carry on his business without difficulty. The above comparison is too true of the difficulties that the newspaper man has to contend with.—*Chenango American.*

The Journal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1878.

CONGRESSMEN should by all means be paid in silver, they like it so well.

MOODY and Sankey have decided to remain at Hartford another week, and consequently will not begin their work in Springfield until the 10th inst.

THREE members of the Louisiana Returning Board are under trial at New Orleans for alleged alteration of returns in the Presidential election.

PRESIDENT HAYES has tendered the German mission to Bayard Taylor, who is peculiarly well fitted for the position, and will make a capital Minister if he accepts the position.

REPORTS from Shanghai state that an appalling famine is raging throughout four provinces in North China. Nine millions of people are destitute, and children are sold daily in the market for food.

THE Lynn strikers are biting off their own noses, as is usually the case in such affairs. The shoe manufacturers are filling their shops with new men, and the Crispiens are about ready to give up the strike as a bad job.

THE National House did one good thing the other day, when it voted 174 to 85 that no subsidies whatever should be granted or renewed, but that all appropriations should be restricted to the imperative needs of the public service.

KENTUCKY proposes to make hanging the only punishment for murder, and see if this will not check the increasing number of such crimes. Juries can now send a murderer to the gallows or to prison for life, and they generally do the latter.

SIMMONS, of the Boston custom house, hangs in doubt as to reappointment. The "Christian Soldier" has felt pretty sure of holding on, but just now the tide seems to turn. Senator Dawes is for him, but Hoar goes the other way. Nobody says he is not a good collector; then why wish for a new one?

POOL SELLING has for a long time been not only countenanced, but apparently encouraged at horse races, ball matches and the like, until it has become a crying evil, and we are glad to see that the Legislature is considering a bill to prohibit this species of gambling under heavy penalties. The whole thing should be destroyed, root and branch.

WHEREVER Murphy goes, the same wonderful success attends him. He began his work in Washington last Sunday, and thousands were turned away from the hall, unable to gain admission. He spoke with great power and dramatic effect for an hour, his audience weeping and laughing by turns, men as well as women, and when he had finished hundreds went forward and signed the pledge. If he can only get hold of some of the bibulous Congressmen and convert them to sober habits, it might have a beneficial effect on legislation.

It is not owing wholly to Murphy that Temperance Reform has taken such a start in almost every town. Such instances have happened before, and somehow or other the good seed sown in barren places starts up after awhile and produces fruit. Every one must acknowledge that such a revival is worth more to the cause of temperance than all the legislation we have had in the past twenty years, the prohibitory law included, and the surest way to keep the ball moving is to keep it out of politics.

LAST Friday the United States Senate passed the Stanley Matthews silver resolution by a vote of 43 to 22, and the House followed suit Monday, passing it by a vote of 187 to 79; so that Congress goes on record as declaring that it would not be a violation of the public honor to pay the bonds, principal and interest, at par in coin worth only about 92 cents on a dollar. This, to be sure, is only a declaration of opinion, but the vote shows that the Bland bill to remonetize silver stands a fair chance of passing over the President's veto.

CAPE COD is a formidable enemy to the mariner, as is shown by the record of disasters there. Forty thousand vessels pass the Cape yearly, and from 1843 to 1869, 27 years, there were 144 wrecks on its barren coast, making an average total loss of \$500,000 annually—a serious tax on our commerce. The Legislature of 1860 chartered a company to build a ship canal across the Cape, which would save 75 miles of distance and all the dangers of the outside passage. The charter expires this month, and an effort is being made to get it renewed, with some promises that the canal will be constructed if this is done.

TWO of the State detectives were detailed last summer to join the tramps in the western part of the State, and learn their ways by tramping with them. They kept a diary of their doings, and their observations confirm the generally accepted estimate of the tramping fraternity. They are a set of vagabonds and thieves, tramping from choice, abhorring labor, and working only when they want money for liquor and can get it in no other way. One gang they met were waiting for a strike on the Boston and Albany road, and seriously entertained the proposition to burn the small stations on the road, and would have done it only for the probability that the act would have been laid to the poor employees of the road. Some of the detectives' statements are very likely rather highly colored, but it is plain that the tramps as a whole are a worthless and a dangerous class, who ought to be shut up and made to work *non est solens*.

LETTER FROM SPRINGFIELD.

SPRINGFIELD, Jan. 30th, 1877.
The people of Springfield have consigned to its mother earth, and the nation at large has lost one of its leading journalists in the person of Samuel Bowles. Amongst all classes of people Samuel Bowles is mourned as a national loss. Strange, but nevertheless true, that the people in general, and more especially the community in which a man of worth resides, seldom find out the sterling qualities of the man until he lapses into his grave. Meeting a few days ago a friend of mine the conversation turned upon the death of Samuel Bowles. Said he to me, "Previous to the founding of the Daily Union I had occasion to borrow some money, and being then an employee of the *Republican*, I applied to one of the firm, but without success. My whole property was at stake, so I determined to ask Samuel Bowles himself, the amount sought being \$200. On my stating to him the object of the loan he very decidedly said, 'No, sir.' The next moment he turned around, and in his business-like manner said: 'Follow me to my office.' I did so, and without further ceremony he handed me the above amount." From that time until the present my opinion of Samuel Bowles was that he was always ready and willing to help the deserving.

During the past week the people of Springfield have been moved to deeds of sobriety by the eloquent appeals of Francis Murphy, the temperance advocate. That he has accomplished some good there is no doubt; but the greatest advocate for temperance is "Hard Times."

I see that the county commissioners are beginning to cut down county expenditures; three hundred dollars in the case of the court house alone is an item worth saving. Robes of office on Alexander dance with joy and ecstasy. Lucius, my boy, you are on your last year if, as common report has it, you feather your nest by your knowledge of engineering; do a good turn for the county by sending those deputies in the court house audit the same as the other lackeys of Lillanri Q's.

The appointment of the police force in Springfield meets with the same amount of cursing that the appointment of deputies did. That there are some bad men on the police force of Springfield nobody in Springfield denies. Just imagine not taking a half-naturalized Irishman, and when the authorities have got him and don't want him then they don't know how to get rid of him, for they say he will stick. Then there is another special policeman appointed who a few years ago was guilty of immoral conduct, had a hearing at the time, and was then dismissed from the police force. Now he applies for the position of special because he is agent for a few dilapidated tenements which are not occupied once in six months, and the tenement-house officials could not say "no." Oh, dear, after Moody gets through here we will be all charity!

OUR Legislative committee on Charities has got the tramp question on its hands, and next to the liquor law it is one of the most perplexing questions of the day. The Board of Charities recommend that a man traveling about the country should be required to have a certificate that he is not a tramp, and Mr. Sanborn thinks that agents should be established in all large cities and towns to look up the tramp business. An easier and less expensive way would be to require selectmen of towns and the police of cities to investigate every tramp that puts in an appearance, and to hold every one for vagrancy who should prove to be an habitual subject. A good long sentence to the workhouse would tend to give these fellows an inclination to labor for a living instead of begging, and make that class pretty scarce in the State.

OUR colored brethren find the fourteenth amendment is not of as much practical value to them in giving them equal rights in hotels, etc., as was supposed would be the case. A case in point has just been decided by the United States Supreme Court. A New Orleans colored woman of property was denied admission to the upper cabin on a Mississippi river steamerboat on the ground that it was reserved for whites. A Louisiana court awarded her \$1000 damages, but the decision is reversed by the U. S. Supreme Court, which holds that there is no law against there being separate cabins and dining rooms for whites and blacks, that equality is a different thing from identity, and that persons disagreeable to each other may be kept apart by steamerboat owners.

DR. TSCHAMER, a European physician, has discovered that on oranges and apples which have been kept some time may be found dark brown and black specks which, when scraped off, appears as a damp powder. Under a microscope this powder is seen to consist of the spores of a fungus identical with those of the whooping cough fungus. He introduced some of the powder into his lungs by inhalation, scraping it from an orange. The next day he had a tickling in his throat which on the eighth day developed into genuine whooping cough. If the discovery is confirmed parents will have an additional incentive to see that their children do not chew orange peel or eat apples until the skin is removed.

THERE is an unaccountable delay in the peace negotiations between Russia and Turkey, and nothing is yet definitely known as to what Russia's demands are. The British fleet, which was ordered to Gallipoli, was stopped at the mouth of the Dardanelles, and Earl Derby subsequently withdrew his resignation as Foreign Minister, but the British Government is trying to get an appropriation of £6,000,000 so as to be ready for any contingency that may arise in the settlement of the Eastern question.

FEBRUARY steps in with a snow storm of a pretty wintry kind. It commenced snowing on Thursday and hung on till Friday morning, with considerable wind. About six inches of snow fell, though it drifted to a greater depth in some places. It is possible we may get some sleighing and sledding now, for which the farmers and lovers of sleighriding will be thankful. The railroads in many places have felt the effects of the storm, and several trains were hours behind time.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Cave canem!
Snow at last.
Clear off your walks.
Get out your cutters.
A bad blow—b'low zero.
The ice houses are about full.
Snow shovels are again useful.
And now tramps wear the blue ribbon.
The season for setting hens is fast approaching.

Charles Sherman of this town is a petitioner in bankruptcy.
Dogs with hydrophobic attachments are growing unpopular.

The selectmen have ordered all dogs to be muzzled until April 1st.

The adjourned social at the Baptist vestry was held Monday evening.

Some of the reformed men are so strict that they won't use "bar" soap.
Ladies will find a useful hint in regard to the care of calla lilies on the fourth page.

A swallow doesn't make a spring, but a man does when he sits down on a bent pin.

The 2d Cong. church and Sunday school have re-elected their old board of officers for the ensuing year.

A. L. Haynes advertises his farm, stock, etc., with a good milk route, at auction on Monday, Feb. 11th.

John B. Chapman, clerk of the State Primary School, has been appointed leader of the Cong. church choir.

Blessed be the snow-plow man, that riseth early and maketh clear the path, that the people may walk therein.

English sparrows abound in our streets and they made the air musical with their chirpings in Thursday's snow storm.

It detracts from the good influences of a Sunday morning sermon to wake up and find the kitchen fire out Monday morning.

Skating parties are the order of the day; and the village youth have been enjoying this fine weather in that invigorating sport.

A petition to the Legislature to appropriate \$50,000 toward saving the Old South Church has been in circulation this week.

Rev. Mr. Atwood of Abington preached for Rev. Mr. Berry at the Baptist churches in this village and Three Rivers last Sabbath.

It is \$140 that John M. Converse is to receive for digging and walling the cellar for the poor farm barn, instead of \$45 as stated last week.

Elder Tucker preached his farewell sermon at the Advent chapel last Sunday, but will continue to make this village his home for the present.

"January brings the snow," but this year almost forgot this part of its duty, and had to hurry up its closing hours, to keep the old rhyme true.

The freight train north on the N. L. N. R. R. last Friday night was delayed three hours at Barrett's Junction, the engine and two cars being thrown from the track.

It is said that the instinct of cats gives them warning of the approach of an earthquake. That must have been what a Pleasant street was talking about the other night.

A clergyman in the western part of the State is lecturing on "A plea for simple tastes." Too many of these "simple tastes" have been the ruin of lots of men.

Dr. and Miss Stone entertained the Young People's Society Thursday evening, and although it was an extremely uncomfortable night without, the house was well filled.

Learning a lesson from last week's mud, some of our citizens have taken precautions to prepare their sidewalks for another seige by putting down coal screenings, ashes, etc.

J. R. Alger, Frank Alden and B. D. Johnson of Palmer start next Monday for Franklin county, Nebraska, determined to make their home and fortunes in that distant land.

"Engagements Wanted" is what a lady advertises in an exchange. It seems as though any reasonable woman might be satisfied with one engagement at a time—and it isn't leap year, either.

Here is a little puzzle for students: "One hundred and one by fifty divide, now let a cipher be rightly applied, then if your answer agrees with mine, the result will be, one taken from nine."

The A. O. H. have changed their place of meeting from Feeney's Hall to the hall formerly occupied by the Good Templars, in McGilvray block, and have fitted up permanent quarters there.

One of our preachers last Sunday thought that if the churches, instead of trying to get a minister who could fill the pews or pay off the church debt, would get one whose knees were calloused, it would be better for them.

Rev. Thomas Atwood, the old sea-captain preacher, will preach at the Baptist church Sabbath afternoon and evening. There will be special meetings for prayer and preaching at this church on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday evenings of next week, Rev. Mr. Atwood assisting the pastor.

"It's an ill wind that blows nobody good"—at least so thought the merchants in Commercial block as they gazed upon the dealers on the opposite side of the street while they removed the snow from in front of their stores early Friday morning, the wind of the previous night having left Commercial walk as "clear as a whistle."

"Mother Goose parties," in which each participant selects some character from "Mother Goose," are being participated in with a good deal of success and satisfaction in towns around us this winter. They at least have the merit of being something out of the usual line of village entertainments, and can partake of the nature of a ball or social gathering.

There is no particular revival in the temperance cause here, and the reason may be found in the fact that for several years the Temperance Reform Club has kept the question agitated, and gradually converted a good many people; yet it needs a good sized earthquake to shake down the liquor shops and remove the temptation which they hold out to thirsty lips.

A female tramp, known hereabouts as "Old Mary," has passed through here periodically for the past six or eight years, and it would seem that she had a fixed route, so regular are her visits. She is a short, stout built person, some sixty years old, and is always seen with a bundle under each arm as large as she can clasp. She seldom speaks to anyone, and seems to have few places where she calls for help. It is thought she gains a living by committing acts of petty thieving, but is allowed to go unmolested for fear she might revenge herself by burning buildings.

Those who attended Mrs. Crawford's entertainment at Union Hall Wednesday evening listened to a choice programme, which was rendered with rare excellence. Mrs. Crawford played the opening piece with exquisite taste, and a perfection of touch and shading which can be acquired only by years of painstaking care and study. Miss Ida Webster displays the same good taste, and her Allegro was the gem of the evening. Miss Osgood, the young violinist from Boston, plays smoothly and skillfully, and bids fair to make a promising artist.

Henry Hall, a colored boy of 14, was before the District Court on Tuesday for breaking into the school house in district No. 9 in Ludlow, and burning the curtains and maps and doing other mischief. He confessed the deed, saying he did it to keep from freezing. He was half starved and not more than half clad, and had no decent home to go to, and preferred to go to the Reform School, where he was accordingly sent. On Thursday William Nelson of Tauneyville was up for larceny of some yarn from the carpet mill, but his case was continued until to-day. On Friday he pleaded guilty to larceny of a belt from Smith's shoddy mill, for which he paid Mr. Smith \$10, besides his fine and costs.

At the temperance meeting in Wales Hall last Sunday evening, Rev. Mr. Heywood gave an account of the work in Holyoke, and addresses were also made by Rev. Mr. Atwood of Abington and Superintendent Bradford of the State Primary School. Dr. Stowe, Dr. Holbrook, Hubbard Lawrence, Enos Calkins and E. J. Wood were appointed a committee to devise means for carrying on the temperance work in the village, and probably an effort will be made to get Edward Foot and perhaps some of the other Edward Foots and perhaps some of the other Edward Foots to help here from Springfield. What is needed is that some of Murphy's able lieutenants who have had a wide experience in temperance revivals should come here and take hold of the work in good earnest. With their new methods and earnest enthusiasm an interest might be awakened which would accomplish more in a week than can be done in any other way in a month. The next meeting is to be held Sunday evening at the Cong. church.

The Agnes Wallace-Villa Combination are booked for two evenings at Wales Hall next week—Thursday and Friday evenings. The first evening they will play "Maple Cottage" and "Cinderella," and the second evening "Miss Multon" and "Ann Bow-Lean." Our exchanges abound with complimentary notices of the troupe, and the *Toronto Daily Globe* says of "Maple Cottage" and "Cinderella": "Of the two plays the most pleasing put upon the boards is but a slight indication of the spirit with which they were received; and, if possible, 'Miss Multon' and 'Ann Bow-Lean' on the second night eclipsed their former efforts. Agnes Wallace is an actress who carries you along with her through the joy and sorrow, wherever she goes, bringing smiles when she is glad, and tears when she is sad. As to Sam Villa, he is one of the imitators with which the world is blessed, and as a burlesque artist his equal is rarely seen. They are supported by a most excellent company in all respects."

THE growing interest in the gospel meetings by the Union society the past two weeks calls for further effort in that direction, and they will be continued another week. Rev. Mr. Tracy will preach Sabbath morning from Romans 6: 23, "The wages of sin is death."

THE Ludlow Mfg. Co. at Jenksville are about to build a linen and jute mill in their yard, 28x56 feet and four stories high, which will about double their capacity, giving employment to 620 hands where they now have 350. A new canal 700 feet long is also to be dug.

A Temperance Union has been formed by the students of the Cong. church are raising money for the pulpit in the new church.

Prof. Burke gives a magic lantern exhibition this afternoon, the proceeds to go toward buying chemicals and apparatus for the academy laboratory.

THE Murphy work began here last Sunday, and has resulted in about 300 taking the pledge, including a number who have been drinking men. Meetings have been held afternoon and evening through the week under the lead of A. S. Palmer of New York, assisted by a singer, C. A. Sperry of Wakefield. The meetings have been well attended both afternoon and evening, the average attendance being estimated at 375 each evening.

A few days since a five-years-old child, Patrick Leanders, came near being drowned by falling into the canal.

Thomas Morley, employed in the cotton mill, had his thumb nearly taken off by being caught in the picker the other day.

The body of Johanna Flaherty was found in the river near the dye house about eight o'clock last Wednesday morning. She left her home between six and seven o'clock that morning, her family supposing she had gone to some of the neighbors'. Dr. Holbrook held an inquest and decided that the deceased came to her death by suicide. Her age was about sixty-five.

Most of the ice houses in the village have been filled with clear, good ice.

John A. Enger, boarding house master at Ravine mill, had a quarter of beef stolen from his cellar or wood house one night this week.

Clarence Curtis went over the dam back of H. H. Conner's while skating Wednesday. The fall was some ten feet, and the bed of the river a mass of obtrusive rocks. The wonder is he was not instantly killed, but he was not seriously injured.

Many of the old operatives who worked for L. E. Sage years since, and when he failed, have been greeted with a check for some of the old balance due them for work. As his affairs have been closed all up years since, and his estate fully settled, it is quite a wonder where these checks came from. Mr. Sage is said to know not from whence they came. Outsiders think perhaps it is conscience money, and possibly back of Mr. Sage's knowledge. The amount is considerable, varying from ten to three hundred dollars to different individuals.

The village has a class in short-hand.

Henry Holden of Palmer bid off the Mathers place at the auction sale the other day.

Reports of ladies being assaulted on the street several times of late would seem to call for special police on some of the streets.

Arrangements are being made for a branch Murphy movement, to be held in Green's Hall, and to commence Sunday, Feb. 10th.

Holmes & Ellis, woolen manufacturers, have dissolved partnership, and Mr. Ellis goes to Stafford, Ct., where he will take charge of a mill.

There is considerable talk about the canines, some intimating that as the fathers of the town keep dogs they are not as active in suppressing the nuisances as they would otherwise be.

The Harmony Society will continue weekly rehearsals at Academy Hall. All singers are invited to meet with them and music will be furnished free. The next rehearsal is Monday evening at 7 1/2 o'clock.

Patrick Dunn, a workman at Flynt's quarry, was found dead in Tucker's woods Tuesday morning. Dr. Holbrook, medical examiner, was called, and the evidence seemed to prove that the deceased had fallen down and probably died in a fit or from exposure.

Two young men assaulted Hannah Shea, a young woman who works for C. H. Merrick, on Bridge street Thursday evening, knocking her down and beating her about the head. Her screams brought assistance, and the assailants fled. She was not seriously injured.

WALES.

The Lyceum will discuss the silver bill next Monday night.

Diphtheria has reached town, one little girl being very sick with it.

H. A. McFarland has received a commission from the Commonwealth as justice of the peace for Hampden county.

The naughty Susan Walls, who was sent to Lancaster by Justice Robinson of Palmer, and reported to be from Wales, was from some other place. She had no home in Wales and was not living here, but was employed in Monson, and her guardian, who must have taken the matter in hand, lives in Brimfield. So we hardly see how Wales should have to own her. There are no naughty girls here.

Some little time ago a noise was heard early in the morning in front of B. S. Clark's. Lighting his lantern he hastened to the spot, and found the Wales stage driver in trouble, his lead horses having jumped over the fence into H. H. Haradon's mowing and perished in going that way, while the driver, with wheel horses and stage, seemed determined to go the old way, and make some off victorious, with no damage except tearing down some fence. Mr. H. wished it to be understood that his mowing is not a stage road.

A \$50 cow owned by George Perry died Tuesday morning, from some unknown cause.

A man named Smith, employed at George E. Keeney's flocks mill, was caught in a runaway last Tuesday and had his arm broken.

Bonner Brothers occupied the Cong. chapel last Friday evening with a stereopticon view of the Russo-Turkish war, but the receipts were light.

Jason Foskitt has sold his house to John Reed of Whitehall, N. Y., and Felix Prevost, who lately rented the place, has removed to the farm lying near A. W. Crossman & Son's tool shop, which he has rented.

The temperance league is working in this village even, and appearances indicate that before long the whole village will be agitated, for the Protestant and Catholic societies are interested. It is probable the movement will assume form next week.

The Calvin Cutter post of the Grand Army was surprised at the meeting in Fireman's hall, Monday evening, by a delegation of comrades from Clara Barton post of Warren, who brought with them a bountiful supply of provisions, hot and cold. The boys enjoyed themselves until a late hour.

The Methodist society was held in Crossman's hall Wednesday evening. The society's annual collection for missions amounted to over \$25.

Presiding Elder Hasell preached on Thursday evening, and after the sermon the Quarterly Conference was held to elect officers for the ensuing year, and to decide upon the feasibility of uniting the Warren societies and the one here. The Warren Methodists favor the plan, thinking that one pastor can serve both churches and the societies will have less expense, but those in this place are opposed to the plan, for fear dissension might possibly arise, and moreover should they build a church this season, which they will do if they can purchase the lot they desire, do they want a pastor to the church here should have a pastor of its own, and not be united with the Warren church.

will be held at the same place this (Saturday) afternoon.

The board of selectmen order all dogs within the limits of the town to be muzzled, and kept muzzled, with a secure wire muzzle, and restrained from running at large, from Feb. 6th to March 18th. And they notify all owners of dogs that they shall issue their orders to the constables of the town to kill any and all dogs found unmuzzled and running at large contrary to the above order.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

An attempt was made to rob the bank at Deep River, Ct., Wednesday night, but the robbers were frightened away. Two men were arrested on suspicion.

John Cronin, the 14-years-old Boston boy who fatally shot a 7-year-old child in December, was found guilty of manslaughter Monday.

A man applied at several houses in Alburgh, Vt., last week Wednesday night for shelter, but was refused, and the next morning he was found frozen to death.

Samuel Calhoun of Thompsonville, Conn., fell insensible when offered an unusually low price for his tobacco the other day, and died on Tuesday from the shock.

Last Saturday night a band of desperadoes boarded a train on the Andover, Topsham and Santa Fe Railway and attempted to rob the express messenger, but were repulsed.

Stephen Spelman, a wealthy and respected citizen of Westfield, 72 years old, ruptured a blood vessel while on the way to a meeting on Saturday evening, and died in a few seconds.

Herbert Young of Boston was arrested on Monday for a murderous assault on his wife. He was incensed at her because she would not go on the street or enter a den of infamy and acquire money for his support.

Addie W. Oakman of Boston, while passing through Cortlandt street, New York, Wednesday, became faint, and was invited by Christian Ollandi into his saloon, where he drugged, robbed and criminally assaulted her.

Dr. S. L. Way, the Suffield, Ct., dentist, who was reported last week sick with hydrophobia, died on Friday. A hog, bitten the same day by the same dog, died the same morning with spasms and foaming at the mouth.

Pixley Woodward and wife of Benson, Vt., good Methodist people, have been found guilty of great cruelty to a boy of 12 in their family, whom they have beaten and abused terribly. And the village justice has fined them \$5 and \$3 respectively!

Dr. W. A. Davis, an aged physician of Philadelphia, was charged by a coroner's jury with causing the death of a woman by criminal malpractice, and when the warrant for his arrest was served upon him Monday he was stricken with paralysis, and died Thursday.

There was an explosion at the nitro-glycerine works of Prof. Mowbray at North Adams Tuesday morning, which blew out one end of the factory and killed E. J. Wilson, a workman, blowing him into atoms so small that not enough could be found to fill a quart measure.

Some Cherokee Indians at Seneca, Mo., a few days ago forced a white man, feet foremost, into the dying embers of a furnace in a steam saw mill where they were having a drunken spree. The man was found the next morning with his legs burned off to the knees, and he lived three days.

James H. Bachelder, a large manufacturer of clapboards and wooden bowls at Middlebury, Vt., has failed, and has been lodged in jail charged with forgery on the Brandon National Bank. He owes the bank some \$8,000, and D. C. Bascou, the cashier, has let Bachelder have money without security, and he has been relieved from office.

The fact has come to light since the recent death of Benj. E. Bates of Boston that he is indebted to the Bates Mfg. Co. of Lewiston, Me., of which he was treasurer and practically dictator, to the amount of \$200,000. As he always bore the highest reputation, and was worth many times that amount, it is supposed he merely borrowed the money temporarily, with no thought of stealing it.

Edward Tatro, of Highgate, Vt., now under sentence of death for murdering Mrs. Alice Butler, June 2, 1876, has confessed the crime, and given the horrible details. He was employed by her husband, and being left alone in the house with her he resolved to have intercourse with her, and when she refused to do so, he strangled her with a stick and finished her with an axe, and then accomplished his purpose while she was writhing in death.

Another terrible steamer disaster has occurred on the North Carolina coast, near the same spot where the Huron was wrecked. The steamer Metropolis, which left Philadelphia Tuesday for Para, Brazil, went ashore Thursday on Currituck beach, in the midst of a furious gale, and is a total loss. The vessel had 500 tons of railroad iron on board, and 200 or 250 laborers who were going out to work on the Madeira and Mamore railroad, and the whole number of persons on board is stated at from 250 to 350. Reports from the wreck are very meager, and only 52 lives have been reported as saved. For some reason, no assistance seems to have been rendered from the life saving station.

As effort is being made in Congress to revise the tariff, and the sub-committee of the Ways and Means committee has reported a bill which it is reported will reduce the cost of collection from \$7,250,000 to less than \$8,000,000. The bill proposes to raise \$154,946,000. Last year only \$138,000,000 were collected.

For the second time Gov. Rice has nominated Charles Delano for Judge of Probate of Hampshire county. There is considerable opposition to Mr. Delano, but the Governor has probably sounded the Council in advance this time to be sure that he will not be rejected.

The Amherst Reform Club has begun an active war against the liquor dealers of Amherst. Six arrests, including two hotel proprietors, two druggists and two saloon keepers, were made the other day.

Three men were buried alive by the caving in of a mining shaft near Dubuque, Ia., Thursday, and will probably die before they can be dug out.

The people of Charleston, S. C., are groaning under a city tax of nearly twenty-three dollars on a thousand, imposed by a reformed Democratic government.

The gas works at Portland, Me., are crowded daily with children and babes, taken there to inhale the gas as a remedy for whooping cough.

It is proposed to issue government coupon bonds for \$15, \$25 and \$50, for the benefit of pa-ties wishing to make investments of small sums.

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WARE AND VICINITY.

Some of our *bilious* blue ribbon men are allowed to drink cider.

George E. Fairbanks prides himself upon having one of the finest collections of fowls in town.

The Woman's Christian Temperance Union will hold a fair at the Unitarian vestry, Feb. 20th and 21st.

The selectmen request all persons to put their coal ashes on the gravel walks or spread them on the road, and not leave them in heaps to frighten horses and do damage.

The young people thoroughly enjoyed the masquerade dance at Music Hall, Thursday evening. It is thought that another similar festival will be held in a short time.

Eden Lodge of Free and Accepted Masons will hold a soiree at their lodge rooms next Tuesday evening. All Masons, with their friends, are cordially invited to attend.

The young people and children of the town organized a temperance society at the chapel, last Saturday afternoon, with Chas. S. Robinson as superintendent. Their next meeting

—Frisco has 2000 lawyers.
—Cream silk tulle is a novelty for tails.
—Tom Thumb fringe is again very stylish.
—Yankees are exporting coffins to England.
—"The Age of Man"—As long as he can live.
—The dealectance of clinging skirts is announced.
—Tin tea-pots are the latest device for paper collar boxes.
—About 1000 people compose Chicago's fashionable society.
—Black thread lace collars and cuffs are worn by elderly ladies.
—The Spanish Cortes paid the expenses of Alfonso's wedding.
—A Mississippi white woman married a Choctaw Indian last week.
—Trouble is anticipated from the savage hordes led by Sitting Bull.
—Fifty-nine Mexicans have tried to be president of Mexico in 56 years.
—Antique lace bed-spreads and pillow-shams are the latest extravagance.
—Twenty villages have been submerged in Hungary by the recent floods.
—A New York bachelor has lent his dress coat to 23 chums to get wedded in.
—Broad oval buckles of tortoise shell are the latest ornaments for the hair.
—About 40 polygamous marriages were performed at Salt Lake City last Friday.
—New evening gloves have the long wrist of silk, either plain or embroidered.
—The State of Kansas takes \$200,000 of the new four per cents for its school fund.
—Interment numbers 600,000 devotees in this country, of whom 70,000 die annually.
—Wedding dresses are mostly in the princess style, made plain, with very little trimming.
—The New York yacht owners are making unusual preparations for the next regatta season.
—New artificial roses are closed as buds, and by a spring open as full-blown flowers while being worn.
—Good farming land in Stafford county, Va., was sold a few days since at less than one dollar an acre.
—The rats in an Ohio barn rose in their might and killed the dog that had been sent in to exterminate them.
—During Gen. Grant's visit to Pompeii a house was excavated in his honor, but nothing remarkable was found.
—Applicants for admission to the Swarthmore College for girls, conducted by Quakers, must promise not to wear false hair.
—An ebony coffin, lined with white satin, with a cemetery lot, was one of the gifts proffered to a popular actress in Paris last month.
—Drawing straws to see whether or not they should convict a man of murder, was the plan hit upon by a Cairo, Ill., jury, and they convicted him.
—A man at Harrisburg, Pa., invited his friends, recently, to his "grand annual bawl!" He has been married eleven years, and has eleven children.
New England's fishermen say that they have no reason to complain over the season's catch, which has been fairly profitable, although hardly up to the average. The mackerel fleets returned with not more than half the usual numbers, but the herring, cod, and halibut hauls were up to the former standards.
Nathan W. Blackman of Huntington, Ct., is sadly afflicted. Eleven months ago his youngest son died of consumption; five weeks ago his oldest son died of the same disease, and in half an hour the mother followed him; and now the only daughter and last child has not long to live, having the same disease.
Mr. Webber of Rochester, N. Y., a supposed victim of the Ashtabula disaster, has turned up in the Wisconsin Soldiers' Home, and spoiled his wife's suit for \$5,000 against the Lake Shore Railroad Company, which had offered to compromise for \$4,000 cash.
The Rev. Dr. Behrends, of Providence, R. I., has declined a call to the Madison Avenue Congregational church, New York, with a guaranteed salary of \$12,000 per annum, saying he is contented with his present position and is getting all he is worth.
Sir Henry Thompson, the eminent English surgeon, is said to perform the operation of lithotomy ninety times a year on an average. His fees range from 200 to 300 guineas, and amount to about \$750,000 per annum.
Pyramid Lake, in Nevada, 4000 feet above the level of the sea, has been sounded to the depth of 600 fathoms without finding bottom. It is forty miles long and from fifteen to twenty wide, and contains many islands.
A McConellsburg, Ohio, man, while boring for oil last August, struck a well at a depth of 500 feet, to which he has fitted pipes and now heats his house, does his cooking and runs an engine at another well with the gas.
There is an epidemic of hydrophobia among the dogs in a portion of Georgia and South Carolina, and the woods and fields are reported full of mad dogs, 75 of them having been already killed.
Edward J. Hoppins of Auburn, N. Y., who killed Philip Proudfit last July for seducing Hoppins's sister, was acquitted last Friday, and half an hour after his release from prison was married.
A man on his death bed at Newmarket, N. H., a few days ago confessed a murder which he committed in Candia twenty years ago.
Four thousand subscribers to Centennial stock, on which there is a dividend of 17 per cent., cannot be found.
Would you know the bliss of easy shoes? Then try Clapp's English walking shoes for men's wear. Sold at 312 Main St., Springfield.

OFFICE HOURS—From 7.00 a. m. to 8.30 p. m.; Sundays from 9.00 to 10.00 a. m.
MAILS CLOSE AND OPEN.
New York and Southern—Close at 11 a. m., 5.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 2 p. m.
Albany and Western—Close at 8 and 11 a. m., 5.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 11.45 p. m., and 3.45 p. m.
Springfield—Close at 8 and 11 a. m., 5.30 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 a. m. and 11.45 p. m., and 3.45 p. m.
Springfield Way—Close at 8 and 11 a. m., and 5.30 p. m.; open at 7.30 and 11.45 a. m., and 3.45 p. m.
Boston and Eastern—Close at 7.30 and 11.30 a. m., 1.20 and 7.45 p. m.; open at 7.30 and 8.30 a. m., and 6 p. m.
East Way to Boston—Close at 7.30 a. m., 1.20 p. m.; open at 7.30, 8.30 and 11.15 a. m., and 6 p. m.
Brattleboro Way—Close at 7.30 a. m.; open at 6.15 p. m.
Vermont and Western New Hampshire—Close at 7.30 and 11 a. m.; open at 11.45 a. m., and 6.15 p. m.
Amherst, Belchertown and Three Rivers—Close at 7.30 a. m., 1.20 p. m.; open at 11.15 a. m., 6.15 p. m.
New London Way—Close at 1.20 p. m.; open at 11.15 a. m.
Mason, Stafford Springs, Norwich and New London—Close at 7.30 a. m. and 1.20 p. m.; open at 11.15 a. m. and 6.45 p. m.
Winchendon Way—Close at 7.30 a. m.; open at 5.45 p. m.
Thornhill, Ware, Gilbertville, Barre and Winchendon—Close at 7.30 a. m. and 3.15 p. m.; open at 11 a. m. and 5.45 p. m.
Athol and Springfield R. R. Way—Close at 7.30 a. m.; open at 6.15 p. m.
Postal Cars attached to the trains which leave Palmer for the East at 3.18, 7.48 and 11.37 a. m., and 1.45 p. m.; for the West at 8.15 and 11.07 a. m., and 3.48 and 11.55 p. m.; for the North, via New London Northern R. R., at 8.15 a. m.; for Winchendon and Way, via Ware River R. R., at 8.30 a. m. Letters may be mailed at any of these cars previous to their departure.
DOSTON TRAVELLER.—Price Reduced.—A large reduction has been made in the price of the Semi-Weekly and Weekly editions of the Traveller. See announcement in our columns. 4w43
One Trial is sufficient to convince the most skeptical of the invaluable and unifying efficacy of Madame Zadoc Porter's Curative Balsam for the cure of Colds, Coughs, Hoarseness, shortness of Breathing, Asthma, Difficulty of Breathing, Hiccups, Tickling in the Throat, etc. Has been in use over forty years. Price, 25, 50, and 75 cents per bottle. 4w41
The colossal Bronze Statue of Victory which stands in the Park at Lowell, before the tomb of the first soldiers that fell in the Revolution, is a lasting and beautiful tribute of art. It is one of the first objects sought by strangers visiting our sister city, which indeed many visit purposely to see this elegant object of high art. It was obtained from the King of Bavaria by Dr. J. C. Ayer, to whom His Majesty was especially gracious in acknowledging what his remedies are reputed to have done for the suffering sick. It was donated by the Doctor to the City of Lowell as a permanent and speaking emblem of the victories both of Science and Arms.—Hagerstown (Md.) Press.
A GIFT TO ALL.—A pair of handsome 6x8 chromos are given free to every one who subscribes for three months to LEISURE HOURS, a large 16-page literary paper, filled with the best stories, poetry, etc., by writers of established reputation. The papers sent will contain the opening chapters of a charming story entitled, "Held With the Cord," by the author of "Shiloh," in "Only Winter in California." The publishers, J. L. Patton & Co., 162 William street, New York, have decided to offer this short subscription at fifteen cents (postage stamps taken), about the cost of white paper and mailing, and to give free such a pair of beautiful chromos as cannot fail to please every one. Double value of money is promised to every subscriber. \$1.50 in prizes is given free to agents.
A Gentle Hint.
In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature, rain, wind and sunshine often intermingling in a single day, it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the deaths resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of Boschee's German Syrup kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large throat or cold, and perhaps death, by the use of three or four doses. For curing Consumption, Hemorrhages, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup, or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. German Syrup is now sold in every town and village on this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10c; regular size, 75c. 4w43
CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India mission the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 126 Powers's Block, Rochester, N. Y. 4w43
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The reports from all parts of the country confirm the statements that Dr. Gage's great vegetable remedy, called "MEDICAL WISDOM," is having an immense sale by all druggists. The proprietors do not expect enormous sums for flaming advertisements, but prefer to let the merits of the medicine speak for themselves. The remedy is a simple, safe, and effective cure for all diseases of the lungs, liver or kidneys, such as consumption, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested its wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellows. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 126 Powers's Block, Rochester, N. Y. 4w43
Some weeks since, a man came into the store, No. 7 Sixth Avenue, New York, inquiring for Mr. Carter, to whom he was shown. He appeared to be very much excited, and immediately commenced to tell a story of how his wife had suffered from an affection of the lungs, and in fact had been given up by the physicians to die. Through some friend she was induced, as a last resort, to try Dr. Gage's great vegetable remedy, and in fact had been cured. He then handed her a bottle of the medicine, and said: "Before she had used one bottle she could breathe with more ease; and by the time she had used six bottles she was up and around the house, able to do her work." This man took the pains to come in person and thank the present proprietor of this popular article for a perfect cure of his wife. Little's Honey of Horehound and Tar is for sale by all druggists at 50 cents and \$1. Large size the most economical. Depot, CHITTENDEN'S, 7 Sixth Avenue, New York City.
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BORN.
At Monson, 25th ult., a son to LYMAN BUTLER. At West Warren, 27th ult., a son to MARCUS M. HENNEY, weight 12 pounds.
At Amherst, 29th ult., a son to CHARLES and CLARA PAGE KELLOGG.
At Belchertown, 29th ult., a daughter to F. G. and VIOLA SHAW, weight 9½ pounds.
At Chicopee, 26th ult., a daughter to A. T. and MARTHA L. SNELL.
At Granby, 27th ult., a son to GEORGE L. WITT.
At Georgetown, Mich., 13th ult., a daughter (Anna Melvina) to LINDSEY A. and HELEN E. DEMING, formerly of Palmer.
MARRIED.
At Belchertown, 25th ult., by Rev. P. W. Lyman, GEORGE A. MOODY and CLARA B., daughter of Cornelius Hedges.
At Springfield, 22d ult., CHAS. P. ALEXANDER of Boston and ANNA LOUISE KELLOGG; 29th ult., WILLIAM F. CALLENDER and LAURA, daughter of William Gunn.
DIED.
At Palmer, 25th ult., JOSEPH W. SHERIDAN, 5 mos. 28 ds.
At Monson, 22d ult., MARTHA E., 31, wife of R. H. Mixer.
At Ware, 28th ult., Mrs. LYDIA MERRIAM, 87. She had been connected with the Ware Unitarian church since its foundation.
At Granby, 28th ult., NATHAN SMITH, 92, the oldest man in town.
At Amherst, 28th ult., Mrs. MARY DICKINSON, 91.
At Warren, 24th ult., Mrs. SOPHIA BISHOP, 81.
At Southbridge, 23d ult., Mrs. ALICE POTTER, 94.
At Springfield, 29th ult., ELIZABETH H. BARBER, 56, wife of I. K. Innesell; same date, THOMAS AUSTIN, 81.
ONE FIRST-CLASS TRAVERSE RUN-NEIS SLEIGH for sale low. Inquire of W. H. HITCHCOCK, At Store and Tin Shop. Palmer, Feb. 1st, 1878. 2w45
COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS.—PALMER, February 1st, 1878. It is hereby ordered that all dogs within the limits of said Palmer shall be licensed or restrained from running at large during the time between the date of this order and the first day of April next. PARKER W. WEBSTER, Sheriff. JOSEPH KIRKMAN, 1st of Palmer.
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NOTICE is hereby given that the subscribers have been appointed executors of the will of Betsey Barton, late of Palmer, in the county of Hampden, deceased; and have taken upon themselves that trust, by giving bonds to the law direct. All persons having demands upon the estate of said deceased are required to exhibit the same; and all persons indebted to said estate are called upon to make payment to JOHN C. BRAINARD, Executors. WILSON BRAINARD, & Co., Palmer, Mass., Jan. 21, 1878. 3w45
GRAND BALL AND CONCERT AT—Edmunds's Opera House, WEBSTER MASS., FEBRUARY 28, 1878. There will be GIVEN AWAY at the time the Building known as the EDMUNDS'S OPERA HOUSE, and Grand Store, including about 8000 ft. land, 4 HOUSE LOTS, 2 HORSES and 600 TRADE DOLLARS, making 607 GIFTS. The "Edmunds's Opera House" is located opposite the passenger depot in Webster, Mass., a beautiful and thriving town of 600 inhabitants, at junction of Norwich and Worcester and New York & New England Railroads; thereby giving manufacturers within its limits all the necessary unexcelled facilities for both freight and passenger business, which its extensive Woolen, Cotton, Linen, Foundry and power business demands. All persons, banks or corporations, that suffered loss by the financial complications of the proprietor of the Opera House in 1875, will be presented with a ticket to the Grand Ball and Concert, which will be duly numbered and registered. The managers of the Ball and Concert (to correspond with the times) have made the price of TICKETS (which are limited to 12,000 \$2, which is within the reach of all. All persons sending orders for five or more tickets at one time will be considered Agents and will be allowed the regular commission of 10 per cent. J. E. EDMUNDS & SON, Managers of Grand WEBSTER, MASS., 2w44 Ball and Concert.
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Original.
To Francis Murphy.
God bless you in the noble work
With heart and soul you're doing,
And may life give you health and strength
While still that work pursuing.
How dear the home by rum accursed,
How sad the wife and mother,
While little ones, with faces old,
Draw close to one another.
Thank God that one who has himself
Been in that demon's power,
Is giving time, yes, life itself,
To help those sinking lower.
And God indeed has blessed the means
That thou hast been employing,
Until in many wretched homes
Once more life's worth enjoying.
How many thankful ones to-night
Would give thy hand close pressing,
While asking Him who rules above
To send thee heaven's blessing.
Brave heart, go on, and falter not,
Thy trust in Jesus staying,
Until this work shall sweep the land,
As all good souls are praying.
Jan. 19, 1878.

AIRING BEDS.
No housekeeper has any valid claim to neatness, cleanliness, and tidiness, who makes her beds as soon as they are vacated; or, if she has such a claim, it is based on the condition of ignorance. To demonstrate this, let it be remembered that of all food and drink taken, about three-fifths passes out of the system through the outlets of the skin—the pores, about seven millions in number. This waste and effete putrid matter is dead and becoming more or less entangled in the bedding and on the surface of the body. Hence the necessity for bathing and brushing, with still greater necessity for airing and purifying the bedding. This is done most effectually by exposure in the light of the sun, and in the morning air. Indeed, the sun is the great purifier, and "nothing is hid from the heat thereof." And here it may be remembered that the bedding of the sick, so soon saturated by the filth of acute diseases, by being changed at least once in six hours, and exposed to the free sunlight for the same time, will be safe with half the washing otherwise absolutely needed. Such clothes cannot be kept too clean, while there is no danger of too much care in these respects, as one of the means of controlling such acute diseases as fevers and inflammations. The Dutch method of placing all the movable clothes of the bed on two chairs, near the window, allowing them to remain till afternoon, might well be copied by Yankee housekeepers.—*Watchman*.

CARE OF CHILDREN.
There is too much coddling and anxious care, and superfluous supervision, and thoughtless denials of innocent pleasures, and general worry and nervousness, in the policy of many parents touching their children. They don't "let them alone" enough. Little, light-footed, active little chaps of nine to twelve years of age, as brimful of life and play as a kitten, and in about as much danger of "over-doing" as are constantly cautioned against running and playing too much, or climbing over rocks, or doing anything that boys love to do, and have been doing without accident in a greater proportion than one to a hundred thousand ever since the world began. Children still smaller have their pleasures, and often their health, sacrificed to their good clothes. We can hardly conceive of a more wretched state for a normal child than the period of white dresses, fancy stockings, thin shoes, beautiful sashes, and other fine things so dear to the maternal heart. And it is a matter for rejoicing that so many parents are rebelling against the foolish custom of making dolls of their darlings, and now reserve their finery for "dress parade," dressing them for the long play-hours in a manner indicating that clothes are made for the children, and not children for the clothes.

THE CALLA LILY.
The calla lily, roots of which may be procured of any florist, is one of the finest plants for house-growing, when properly treated.—The most practical method is to procure an earthen jar—suitably decorated on the outside if desired, by painting or pasting on of frieze or flower pictures, or by a paper open-work covering. In this place rich mould some 5 or 6 inches deep, and in this set the calla plant. Now put on the top of this mould a layer of clean coarse sand about two inches deep, and on the top of this some small pebbles. Then fill the jar with water, and replace as evaporated, so as always to have the water several inches deep above the pebbles. Place in a warm and sunny window, and the plant will throw up large luxuriant leaves, to be followed by the magnificent bloom. What is still better, the flower stalks will be sent up in a succession, so as to afford a nearly continuous series of flowers. A few minnows introduced into the water will usually thrive without further care, and afford a pleasing study.

A lady that would please herself in marrying was warned that her intended, although a good man, was very singular. "Well," replied the lady, "if he is very much more unlike other men, he is much more likely to be a good man."
The Scotch have found that seating a man on a box in a public square for four hours is a more bitter punishment to him for being drunk than two weeks in jail would be.
The editor of the Franklin (Ky.) Patriot says that when he started for the dentist's the other day he took a tooth-lurly gait.
The difference between a hill and a pill: One is hard to get up and the other is hard to get down.
Young man, you can go up hill as fast as you please, but you can go down hill slow.
The man who sat down on the spur of the moment will not do it again.

NO RUFFLING ON HIS NIGHTSHIRT.
Saturday forenoon, a little old woman who had come to town in a one-horse wagon, entered a store on Woodward avenue where gentlemen's furnishing goods are sold, and asked if they kept such a thing as a man's nightshirt.
"Certainly we do," was the reply, as the clerk reached for a box.
"Well, my old man was traveling down in Rhode Island last fall and he heard about 'em, and saw one," she continued, "and he's been half crazy ever since to own a couple. Things have come to a pretty pass when men have got to have one shirt for day and the other for night, but Thomas is rather childish, and I thought I would get him one."
"Most all men wear 'em now," said the clerk, as he opened the box. "What price do you want to pay?"
"Well, I dunno," she mused, as she picked up one after another and let them drop. "I didn't say I wanted one for myself, did I?"
"Why, no; of course not. These are gentlemen's nightshirts, madam—three different styles."
She picked up the plainest one, shook it out, held it at arm's length, and coolly said: "Young man, do you pretend to call this garment a nightshirt for a man?"
"Yes, ma'am."
"You do, eh? You stick to it that this frilling and furbelowing and tucking and ruffling belongs to a man's nightshirt?"
"I do."
"Then you had better go to driving a sand wagon, young man!" she snapped, as she threw the garment down. "I've worn nightgowns for fifty-one years, and if the day has come when a young moonshiner like you puts on airs to tell me that I don't know what a nightgown is, my old man can sleep in a harness for all the nightshirts he'll ever get me to buy. Good day, young man."—*Detroit Free Press*.

UNCLE MOSES' SERMON.
Uncle Moses is the chief executive of a suburban colored Sunday school. Last Sunday, raising his black face, with its snowy fringe, he peered over his antebellum "stock" and collar at the little Nigs, who were buzzing like bees in a hive just under his nose.
"Ordah, chillen, ordah! Don't yer hear me, chillen? Little Jim Lumpkins, dere, hesh dat talkin' like a consterble on 'lection day."
When Jimmie ceased his conversation, the chief executive resumed:
"I calls de tenshun ob de school ter de way yose been a-carryin' on dis bressed day. Wot yer been a-doin'? An' de way yer tongues is a bin a-carrusatin' is scandalous."
The black fingers pushed the tall collar back and pulled the black chin forward.
"Now, I puts it ter yer, an' do yer all listen, an' you, too, Lize Millins—I ax yer dis question: How menny eyes you chillens got?"
Chorus: "Two."
"How many mounes yer got?"
Unanimously: "One."
"What does dat means? It means yer muns' see twice es much as yer tells. Now, how menny yeres yer got?"
Chorus: "Two."
"An' how menny mounes?"
"One."
"Dat means yer muns' heah twice es much as yer talks. Now, mmember dis lesson; an' you, Henry Giles, contribute de papers roun' fore we jines in prar."

THE HOUSEWIFE'S TABLE.—The following is a valuable housewife's table, by which persons not having scales and weights at hand, may readily measure the article wanted to form any recipe, without the trouble of weighing, allowance to be made for any extraordinary dryness or moisture of the article weighed or measured:
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Indian meal, 1 pound 2 oz. is 1 quart.
Butter, when soft, 1 pound is 1 quart.
Loaf sugar, broken, 1 pound is 1 quart.
White sugar, powdered, 1 pound 1 oz. is 1 quart.
Best brown sugar, 1 pound 2 oz. is 1 quart.
Ten eggs are 1 pound.
A common tumbler holds half a pint.
A teaspoon is 1 gill.
A large wine-glass is 1 gill.
Forty drops are equal to 1 teaspoonful.

The English have adopted a horse shoe made of three thicknesses of cowhide compressed into a steel mold and then subjected to a chemical preparation. It is claimed for it that it lasts longer and weighs only one-fourth as much as the common iron shoe; that it will never cause the hoof to split, nor have the least injurious influence on the foot. It requires no calks; even on asphalt the horse never slips.
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Susan: "I say, Mrs. McCarthy, this 'ere's a bad cabbage."—Mrs. M.: "Shure now, and it is, honey? Then pick another. Bless ye, young cabbage is like sweethearts; you must try half-a-dozen 'fore ye get a good wan!"

Upright Legislator—"What, sir! You take me for one who can be bribed? You insult my sense of honor. . . . but in case I really were such a man, how much would you give me?"
"I say, Jim," said one friend to another, on meeting, "I hear our friend A has been in speculation heavily. Has he made anything?"
"Yes," said Jim; "he made an assignment."
What's the difference between a girl and a nightcap? One is born to wed and the other worn to bed.

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Put on the cheeks no brighter red,
In the eye no deeper blue;
Give to her form no softer grace—
To each rounded limb
The highest lines thin Art can trace
Are shadowless and dim.

Color to life her matchless hair—
And, if thou may'st, portray
The sweetness of those scarlet lips.
The smiles that round them play;
Canst thou produce the radiant light
That beams from out her eyes,
Or make more fair, or pure or bright,
The soul that in them lies?

Fashion my Bride, good Painter!
Loving, and kind, and true,
Fair as a wreath of lilies,
Sweet as its perfume, too.

II.
Paint me another picture,
As in the years before;
Tracing with careful pencil
Herself and nothing more;
Leave not a single shadow
Out of that snowy brow—
Every thread of silver—
Paint her as she is now.

Maybe the eye is duller
Far than it used to be;
Maybe the cheek is paler,
Maybe the smile less free;
Care has altered them, doubtless—
But oh, I tell to you,
The cloud that darkened one life
Shadowed the other, too.

Paint me my wife, O Master!
Now that the years have fled,
And love has blossomed out
The dust of passion dead.
Place the pictures together,
Side by side, on the wall,
Which is to me the fairest?
Give me the list of all!

AN IMPUDENT PUPPY.

Pretty, saucy Kitty went swinging up and down, up and down, her light muslin dress waving and fluttering in the breeze. "Glorious, Rupert, isn't it?" she cried, calling to her pet and companion, a huge, shaggy dog. "But where are you? Why don't you answer, sir?" And she swung more slowly she looked everywhere around her. Kitty was down at the bottom of the old-fashioned garden at the back of her father's farm-house, where a swing had been put up for her in a little grove of trees.

Suddenly a merry voice cried out, "Here!" and a handsome young man leaped the low fence, and advanced toward her laughing merrily and doffing his hat.

Kitty was out of the swing and on her feet in an instant, her eyes flashing, her figure drawn to its full height. She looked prettier than ever in her indignation.

"I beg your pardon," said the intruder, bowing half mockingly, "but I was taking a short cut across the field when I heard you call me."

"Call you?" Kitty looked as if she would annihilate him.

"Certainly," with the utmost coolness. "You called 'Rupert,' didn't you?"

"I was calling my dog, sir," said Kitty, with infinite hauteur.

"Well, I'm not exactly a dog," was the laughing answer, "but I've often been called 'an impudent puppy'—at your service, Miss."

He bowed again, profoundly.

"I should think so," snapped Kitty, stamping her little foot. "And she muttered to herself, not expecting to be heard, 'Impudence!'"

The stranger heard the word, nevertheless. His manner changed. He became as serious and deferential as the most chivalrous knight of old in the presence of his mistress.

"I beg pardon; I'm afraid I'm trespassing. But the path through the field was trodden as if one had the right of way, and I heard you call—well, I made a mistake. Again the misanthropic look danced in his eyes. "Good morning."

He swept the very ground with his hat, as he executed another profound bow, and then turned and, putting his hand on the top of the fence, vaulted over, and the next moment was out of sight.

Kitty did not swing any more that day, but went back to the house, muttering, "Impudent fellow!" while the real Rupert, who had started off chasing a rabbit, reappeared at this juncture, and accompanied her. But this was not the Rupert she meant when she said "the impudent fellow."

A week passed. Kitty saw no more of the stranger, though she often wondered whom he could be, and if he were stopping in that neighborhood. At the end of that time she attended an evening party at Squire Stacy's. Almost the first person she saw on entering the room was the handsome stranger.

"I wish to introduce you to my nephew," said the Squire, leading that personage up to Kitty. "His name by baptism is Rupert Mortimer; but he is such a saucy fellow that he is best known among his friends as that 'impudent puppy.'"

The eyes of the young people met. Young Mr. Mortimer was dancing with fun. For the life of her Kitty could not help laughing. So they laughed in concert, and he said, bowing low, and repeating the same words he had used in the garden:

"Yes, that impudent puppy—at your service, Miss."

"He is making sport of me," said Kitty to herself, and drew herself laughingly; and for the rest of the interview she was cold and reserved, confining herself to monosyllabic replies. Very soon, at the appearance of one of her many admirers, she excused herself and went off to dance.

"A bit of a Tartar, I'm afraid," soliloquized Rupert Mortimer. "But how pretty she is! She looks too, as though she had a noble character; and she can take her own part, as I have found at my cost. But I'm afraid she has been spoiled by admiration. To get into her good graces one must go on his very knees to her; and, faith! it is almost worth while to do it. But no, Rupert Mortimer, my boy, keep your self-respect." Then, with a laugh, "Is thy servant a dog that he should do this thing?"

Yet often that evening Rupert found himself, as if by some magnetic attraction, drawn to Kitty's side. Kitty, too, could not help occasionally glancing admiringly at his handsome face and graceful figure.

Balls, picnics and croquet parties followed each other in rapid succession, for the summer was a gay one. Kitty and young Mr. Mortimer were together almost constantly. Some how Kitty fell into the habit of expecting Rupert always as her special escort; and he began to feel that no one but he had a right to Kitty, and to be very jealous when others attempted to pay her attentions. As yet, however, no words of love passed between them; for Rupert, now thoroughly enamored, feared

to ruin all by a too premature avowal; especially as once or twice when he had ventured to approach the subject Kitty had suddenly grown haughty and cold.

A final picnic had been planned to close the season. It proved a great success. The day passed merrily on until luncheon time. Rupert had made up his mind to have a quiet ramble with Kitty after the meal. But he had counted without his host, for when luncheon was over, and he had got rid of his aunt, Mrs. Stacy, who had called him to her side to wait upon her, lo! Kitty had disappeared. Fall of jealous fears, and determined to find out who was his rival, he set forth through the woods to discover Kitty.

He had not gone far before her favorite dog came bounding toward him, jumping and barking, and manifesting the greatest delight at seeing him. But when Rupert stooped to pat his namesake the dog darted ahead; then stooped and looked wistfully at Rupert, and then rushed on again.

"What can he mean?" said Rupert. A sudden fear seized him that something was wrong, and he hurried on, the dog rapidly leading the way.

At last, in an opening in the woods, on a moss-covered rock, he saw Kitty, pale, breathless, and apparently in pain. In a moment he was at her side. All his jealousy was gone. Love was uppermost now.

"Oh! darling," he cried, "what is it? Thank Heaven I have found you!"

"Oh! Mr. Mortimer," she cried, with a little sob, "how glad I am to see you. I began to think I should have to stay alone all night. I've sprained my ankle and I can't walk. What shall I do?" and she burst into tears.

Our hero took both the little hands, and held them tightly in his own, while he questioned her anxiously as to the accident, relating in the meantime how he came to find her.

"But how," exclaimed Kitty ruefully, when he had done, "how am I ever to get back? I don't believe I can walk a step."

"Of course you can't," who said you could?" cried Rupert. "But you'll get back right all the same, for I intend to carry you."

"Carry me?" Kitty gave a little scream, and shrank back, and covered her face with both her hands, for she felt the hot blood in her cheeks. "Oh, no; that will never do," and she blurted out unthinkingly, "what will people say?"

But Rupert did not stop to reply to this question. Very little he cared what people said. Without a word he put his arms around Kitty, and, lifting her bodily from her feet, walked off with her as if she had been a feathered weight.

At first they struggled a little; but the strong, manly arms held her closely, and soon she began rather to like it, and to think it all very delightful.

"At any rate," she said to herself, "I can't help it; he is too masterful to resist."

With this comforting conclusion, her fair head sank on his shoulder, and for the first time in her short life Kitty felt what it was to be supremely happy.

Rupert carried his lovely burden to his own carriage, which stood apart from the crowd, and carefully placed Kitty in it.

"There, now," he said, "I shall take you home immediately, and stop for a doctor on the way. Nobody can drive you with so little pain as I can," he added, seeing she was about to object. "Besides, you must begin to obey me, so as to get your hand in, for sometime you are going to be my wife, you know."

"Your wife?" cried Kitty.

She gave a pout and a toss of her head, but she blushed, and not with anger either. Yes, blushed to the tips of her dainty ears.

"Of course," retorted Rupert, as he stepped softly into the carriage, and took his seat beside her, looking half-angrily into her eyes. "Did you not say, 'dearest'?"

"Really, you are the most 'impudent puppy' I ever saw," retorted Kitty, bursting into laughter in spite of herself.

But, for all that, she did not repulse the kiss with which, before starting, Rupert thought it necessary to fortify himself for the journey.

What more is there to tell? Very little. For Kitty and Rupert were married early in the autumn, and were superlatively happy.

"Do you know," said Rupert, one day, "that it was by the merest accident we ever knew each other? I had come down to my uncle's for a single night only, when I saw you in the swing, and my whole life was changed. I fell in love at first sight, and resolved to make your acquaintance, even if it took all the summer."

"So I owe my happiness," answered Kitty, archly, "to my faithful dog—dear old fellow—being off guard that afternoon."

"And to an 'impudent puppy' coming along," retorted Rupert with a kiss, "just in the nick of time, and taking his place."

A COLORED SKEPTIC.

When schools were established in the South for the education of the negro, they were eagerly patronized by the colored folks of all ages. Coy maidens of filly and bashful lads, equally old trudge to school with diminutive primers in their hands, while the small ones were sent to the school-houses and were enthusiastic on the education question. It might be truly written that "ne'er did pencil trace a whiter eye or blacker face." His former master, Dr. H., had taken great pains with him, instructing him daily in reading and writing. In the fall Pete was to go to school, and anxiously looked forward to it. This was in 1869, when the sun was in total eclipse in August. There were all sorts of rumors among the colored people about calamities which would happen at the time of this phenomenon. A few days before it occurred the following conversation took place between Pete and a friend:

"Pete, did you know dar was gwine to be a 'clipse ob de sun next week'?"

"Yes," said Pete, "I heard de 'folks talkin' 'bout it.'"

"Pete, I hear dat awful things is gwine to happen when it comes. Dey say dat de world is gwine to come to an end."

Curling his lip in scorn, and fixing his big white eyes on him, Pete answered, with contempt, "Go 'way, nigger. Don't you know dat school opens in September? How den, can de world come to an end in August?"

Harper's February.

Tommy came home from school, and handed his father the teacher's report on his progress during the month. "This is very unsatisfactory, Tommy; you've a very small number of good marks. I am not at all pleased with it," said the teacher who wouldn't be, but he would not alter it," was the reply.

TRANQUILITY.

One day brings another day; one year follows another; let us take the time as it comes. The sources of all pleasures are in our heart; he who seeks them elsewhere outrages the divinity. My projects, my desires, and my hopes never go beyond my own bosom. Rivers roll rapidly to the sea, and enter them without troubling it; my heart is the same; and the clouds descend in rain without causing me any disquietude. When they conceal the sun from me by day, I try to look at the stars by night. My clothes are made of common cloth, my food is coarse, and the thatch that covers my roof decays every year. But what would it have been to me to have been dressed in silk to-day, and to have digested costly dishes? Golden roofs do not keep out sleeplessness and care; and were the country shaken by an earthquake, how easily I can gain my humble door! My patrimony is at the end of two arms, and every day gives me its harvest. When it is very hot I cool myself in the shade of a tree; and when it is very cold I warm myself by working. Old age is coming upon me, but my children are young, and will repay me for what I have done for them. If they always observe truth and moderation, a hundred years will not cost them a sigh. Whatever tempests may arise, tranquility is a port always open to the innocent heart. Hail, tranquility of the soul! Sweet charm of life, kings would sell their crowns to buy thee if they knew thy value. Complete thy benefits—thou hast helped me to live well—help me to die well.

NOT TOO OLD TO LEARN.

There is a sort of feeling in the minds of many that they are too old to learn. There is nothing more fallacious, and this idea has, no doubt, been a serious stumbling block to many whose minds were otherwise sound, strong and clear. This is most frequently only an excuse for sloth and laziness, for many a man with a proper appreciation of the value of time, has begun late in life to acquire what others think it necessary to acquire in youth, and has succeeded, too. You have heard that the great Socrates began to learn music at an extreme old age. You know that Cato began the study of Greek at eighty-eight years of age, and became a good Greek scholar. Plutarch also began the study of Latin at seventy-eight and acquired it. Sir Henry Spelman began the study of the sciences when between fifty and sixty years of age, and after that period of life became a most learned lawyer and antiquarian. Ludovico was a hundred and fifteen years old when he wrote the memoirs of his own times, and Voltaire was a hardly less marked example of the progress which old age can make in new studies. Dryden was in his sixtieth year when he began the study of Greek, and our own Franklin died at the age of eighty-four, and his philosophical studies till his fiftieth year. Innumerable examples show the folly of this excuse of age. It is never too old to learn, if we will but improve our time. Time is the most precious possession we have on earth, and to waste it is the most shameful prodigality. Let not age, even old age, stand in the way of the acquisition of knowledge of every useful kind.—*Ploughman.*

PROVERBS FROM THE TALMUD.

If the fox is king bow before him. Deal with those who are more fortunate. The rivalry of scholars advances science. The soldiers fight, and the kings are heroes. Teach thy tongue to say "I do not know." A single light answers as well for a hundred men as for one.

Thy friend has a friend, and thy friend's friend has a friend; be discreet. Men should be careful lest they cause women to weep, for God counts their tears.

If a word spoken in its time is worth one piece of money, silence in its time is worth two.

Blessed is the son who has studied with his father, and blessed is the father who has instructed his son.

The world is saved by the breath of school-children. Even to rebuild the Temple, the schools must not be closed.

In cases of charity, where both men and women claim relief, the latter should be first assisted. If there should not be enough for both, the men should cheerfully relinquish their claims.

When one stands at the judgment seat of God these questions are asked: Hast thou been honest in all thy dealings? Hast thou set aside a portion of thy time for the study of the Law? Hast thou observed the first commandment? Hast thou in trouble still hoped and believed in God? Hast thou spoken wisely?

The Duke of Wellington had a high sense of honor in all money dealings, and would suffer none of his agents to do a mean thing in his name. His steward once bought some land adjoining his country estate, and was boasting of having made a very fine bargain, from the seller being in straightened circumstances.

"What did you pay for it?" asked the Duke.

"Eight hundred pounds," was the answer. "And how much was it worth?"

"Eleven hundred pounds," said the steward, rubbing his hands in glee at the thought of the good bargain.

"Then take three hundred pounds and carry them to the seller, with my compliments, and don't ever venture to talk to me of cheap land again."

First Swell—"I see Plevna has fallen." Second ditto—"Ya-as, so I see." First Swell—"Greatest blow to the ah—the ah—"

Second ditto—"To the ah, yes—the Russians, First Swell—"Ya-as. He was their principal general, I believe." Second ditto—"Ya-as, something of the sort; but, well, I don't trouble to read about the war. It's too much." First Swell—"Quite awfully too much, well; only everybody's saying Plevna's fallen, you know; and it's fashionable."

Second ditto—"Ya-as. Come to my chambers. Got some doosid fuc Chartreuse. Come over." A present. Come along, old Plevna was a very great general, else they wouldn't have made such a doosid fuss about him."

"When a girl gets mad and rises from a fellow's knee," says an exchange, "but thinks better of it and goes back again, that's what they call a relapse." And here we have been working for dear life to keep off a relapse under the impression it was somewhat related to cholera morbus.

"To remove rust from steel, cover the metal with sweet oil well rubbed in; 48 hours after rub with finely pulverized unslaked lime.

Nothing so fatal to the romance of a kiss as to have your girl sneeze at the very moment of osculation.

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Original.

A Valentine.

Full many a mail, upon this earth,
It's been my lot to see;
But none among them half as fair
As lovely A. E. P.

Her hair is dark—her eyes so clear
That naught can brighter be;
In face and form almost divine
Is lovely A. E. P.

'Tis dangerous near her long to stay
If you would e'er be free;
She wins your love against your will,
Does lovely A. E. P.

She won my heart long time ago,
Is all the world to me;
My sole desire is never to part
From lovely A. E. P.

Our walk in life shall smoothly pass,
Although of low degree,
It bears us onward, free from care,
Myself and A. E. P.

AN EXCHANGE OF COURTESIES.

He was the manager of a church fair, and one morning he walked into the newspaper office and said: "Want an item this morning?"

"Of course," replied the editor, whereupon the visitor laid the following note upon the table:

"The ladies of the street church will give a festival at their vestry hall next Friday evening. Literary and musical entertainments will be provided, and a supper will be served to all who desire. The ladies in charge of the affair have much experience in such matters, and are sure to provide a good time. The admission will be only 15 cents, and it is certain that no one can spend that amount to a better advantage. Be sure to go and take your friends."

When the editor had read it he said: "Oh, I see, an advertisement."

"No, not an advertisement. We prefer to have it go into the local column," replied the manager. And seeing the editor looked skeptical, he continued: "It will interest a great many of your readers, and help a good cause; besides, we have sent so much money getting up our entertainments that we can't afford to advertise it without increasing the price of the tickets. In such a matter as this we ought to be willing to help each other."

"Well," said the editor, "if it goes into the local column, I suppose you would reciprocate by reading a little notice in your church next Sunday." The visiting brother asked him what notice, and the editor wrote and handed him the following:

"The Weekly Chronicle, for the coming year, will be the best and cheapest family paper in Maine. Its proprietor has had much experience and has all the helps which a large outlay of money can procure. His paper has a larger circulation than any other published in the country, and is furnished at only two dollars. It is certain that no one can spend that amount to better advantage. Be sure to take the Chronicle, and subscribe for your friends."

The manager hemmed and hesitated, and then said solemnly that he "doubted whether it would be judicious to read such a notice," but suggested that if it was printed, copies of it might be distributed at the door of the vestry on the evening of the entertainment.

"Yes," said the editor, "but it would attract more attention in the middle of a sermon. It will interest a large number of your congregation and help a good cause, and, besides, so much money is spent upon the Chronicle that I don't see how the owner can afford to print handbills to advertise it without increasing the subscription price. In such a matter as this we ought to be willing to help each other."

Then the gentleman saw the situation, and went straight out, without leaving as much as a complimentary ticket.—*Farmington, Me., Chronicle.*

"PLEASE CHARGE THIS."

These three words are of immense importance to every head of a family or any one whose duty it is to provide ways and means for food, clothing and other expenses incident to existence.

These three words are like three links in a chain which we forge for ourselves, and every time they are repeated this chain becomes stronger and stronger till its burden cannot longer be borne.

These three words add 50 per cent. to the cost of any article we purchase, for the seller wants money very likely needs cash, and as he can turn his money several times before we can liquidate his claim he charges, in addition to the cash price, a profit for each time he might have used his money had we paid cash on the spot.

These three words, easily and pleasantly spoken, and as pleasantly responded to, make a man the abject slave of the creditor. "He toils from early morn till dewy eve," but the accumulating interest so hampers his energies and depletes his earnings that freedom becomes a boon greater to him than he deserves, but scarcely expected.

From January to December he labors, breaking a link of the servile chain occasionally, but too frequently adding two, and if both ends can be made to meet when the accounts are balanced the fact is an occasion for rejoicing.

These three words should be blotted from every farmer's vocabulary. He cannot afford, of all men, to pay enormous interest, nor can he allow debts to accumulate when future and uncertain gains can only be relied upon. This reliance too often proves a broken reed, and, sooner or later, brings humiliation and bankruptcy.

These three words need never be spoken if a thorough self-denial be practiced for a year or two. Pay as you go involves no accumulating burdens, but lightens instead the daily routine of labor. It is wonderful to note how much a family can dispense with if a rigid system of economy prevails, and a determination to live within its means exists.

"German Syrup."
No other medicine in the world was ever given such a test of its curative qualities as Doan's German Syrup. In three years two million four hundred thousand small bottles of this medicine were distributed, FREE OF CHARGE, by Druggists in this country to those afflicted with Consumption, Asthma, Croup, severe Coughs, Pneumonia, and other diseases of the Throat and Lungs, giving the American people undeniable proof that German Syrup will cure them. The result has been that druggists in every town and village in the United States are recommending it to their customers. Go to your druggist and ask what they know about it. Sample bottles 10 cents. Regular size 75 cents. Three doses will relieve any case. cow44y

CONSUMPTION CURED.—An old physician, retired from practice, having had placed in his hands by an East India missionary the formula of a simple vegetable remedy, for the speedy and permanent cure of consumption, bronchitis, catarrh, asthma, and all throat and lung affections, also a positive and radical cure for nervous debility and all nervous complaints, after having tested his wonderful curative powers in thousands of cases, has felt it his duty to make it known to his suffering fellow-men. Actuated by this motive, and a desire to relieve human suffering, I will send, free of charge, to all who desire it, this recipe in German, French or English, with full directions for preparing and using. Sent by mail by addressing with stamp, naming this paper, W. W. Sherar, 126 Powers' Block, Rochester, N. Y.

A Man Walks from Newark, N. J., to New York.
Some weeks since, a man came into the store, No. 7 Sixth Avenue, New York, inquiring for Mr. CRITTENTON, to whom he was addressed. He appeared to be very much excited, and immediately commenced to tell a story of how his wife had suffered from an affection of the lungs, and in fact had been given up by the physicians to die. Through some friend she was induced, as a last resort, to try HALL'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR, and using her husband's language, he said: "Before more ease; and by the time she had used six bottles she was up and around the house, able to do her work." This man took the pains to come in person and thank the present proprietor of this popular article for a perfect cure of his wife. HALL'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR is for sale by all druggists at 50 cents and \$1. Large size the most economical. Depot, CRITTENTON'S, 7 Sixth Avenue, New York City.

PIKE'S TOOTHACHE DROPS Cure in one minute. There are thousands of sufferers from Rheumatism and Gout who cannot believe in modes of cure that are unattended with great expense and elaborate preparation. It takes a long time to convince them that the simplest mode to obtain relief is often the best, and that a few pennies spent on a cake of GLENN'S SULPHUR SOAP, and the tripling of procuring warm water, will furnish a moderate bath which will afford a permanent cure. Sold by all druggists. Price 25c. per cake. C. N. CRITTENTON, Prop'r, 7 Sixth Ave., New York.

HILL'S HAIR AND WHISKER DYE, Black or Brown, 50 cents.
A New and Sure Cure
For Liver and Kidney Diseases, Nervous Debility, Vital Weakness and Depression; a weak, exhausted and gloomy feeling; no energy or courage, the result of mental overwork or indiscretions, &c., is found in Dr. Gage's famous "LIVER, KIDNEY AND NERVE PILLS," which have performed more marvelous cures of Dyspepsia, Habitual Constipation, Gravel, Liver and Kidney Diseases, Nervous and Sick Headache, Spine and Female Diseases, Bizziness, Palpitation of the Heart and Nervous Debility of either sex, than any remedy extant. They are absolutely the best vegetable pills ever offered to afflicted humanity, and should be in every household. A few doses will save heavy doctors' bills. If your druggist hasn't them, take no cheap and worthless substitute, but send 25 cents to Dr. Gage & Co., San Antonio, N. Y., and receive them by mail. For sale in Palmer by G. H. APPLETON, Pharmacist and Druggist. ly38ew20

It Has Stood the Test.
If you doubt the wonderful success of SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE, give it a trial; then if you are not perfectly satisfied, return the bottle and we will refund the price paid. It has established the fact that consumption can be cured, while for coughs, hoarseness, asthma, whooping cough and all lung or throat troubles, there is nothing like it for a quick and positive cure, and it seldom fails 10 cents, 50 cents and \$1.00 per bottle. If your lungs are sore, or chest or back lame, use SHILOH'S PLEASANT PLEASURE. Price 25 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.
DR. SHILOH'S SYSTEM VITALIZER is no doubt the most successful cure for dyspepsia and liver complaint we have ever known, otherwise we would not guarantee it. In cases of indigestion, where general debility, loss of appetite and constipation exist, it will restore and regulate the system, while SHILOH'S CURE always the inflammation and heals the lungs. Price 75 cents. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.
HACKMETHACK, a rich and fragrant perfume. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, Palmer, Mass., and elsewhere by dealers generally. cow1y18

BORN.
At Thorndike, 25th ult., a son to G. A. MURDOCK.
At Willbraham, 2d, a daughter to JOHN MARKHAM.
At Belchertown, 3d, a daughter to GEO. STONE.
At Belchertown, 24th ult., a daughter, the 2d child, to DAVID CONDON.

MARRIED.
At Three Rivers, 27th ult., by Rev. M. M. Tracy, THEODORE PIEL and AUGUSTA LUDWIG, both of Chicopee Falls.
At Belchertown, 30th ult., by Rev. John Capen, CHARLES KEITH and ALMA L. QUIMBY, both of Palmer.

DIED.
At Ware, 1st, Mrs. VIRGINIA PROVOST, 30; 3d, Mrs. EMILIA SMITH, 72; 3d, HARVEY W. BARNES, 73; 5th, Mrs. LYDIA LAMBERTON, 71.
At South Wilbraham, 5th, CHAS. G. CROCKER, 31; 6th, RUBY GILES, 81.
At Warren, 3d, FREDERICK BRIGHAM, 58; JANE A., 34, wife of Henry Brigham.
At Springfield, 2d, JOHN KENDALL, 82; 5th, Miss ROXANA CHAMPS, 69; 6th, FREDERICK R. LADD, 59; 6th, DANIEL A. IVAN, 80.

DR. N. MORGAN, DENTIST, Barnes's Block, Springfield, Mass.
Please mention where you saw this card. ly46

WILCOX'S PHOTOGRAPH CAR
Will remain in Thorndike a few days longer, and then remove to Three Rivers. 2w46

A GREAT BARGAIN!
ANOTHER SLENDOR ORGAN FOR SALE.
A fine instrument, 5-octave, double set of reeds, 8 stops, with all modern improvements, solid black walnut case. Taken from debt, cost \$225, and will be sold for \$100—either for cash or on installment. Call, or address at once.
ALLEN & COWAN, Palmer.

\$5.00 REWARD!
LOST, on MONDAY, JAN. 21st, between A. H. Willis's store and N. L. N. R. depot, a Lady's Russia Leather Pocket Book, containing a small sum of money and a key.
A SILVER DOLLAR, valued as a keepsake. The above reward will be paid for the return of the silver dollar and the pocket book to the JOURNAL Office, and no questions asked.
1w46

CALLER BONDS!
5-20s of '93, COUPON, JAN. and JULY.
All \$50 Bonds to No. 50,000
All \$100 Bonds to No. 55,000
All \$500 Bonds to No. 105,000
All \$1000 Bonds to No. 110,000
Will parties holding U. S. 5-20 Bonds of '93 of the following denominations and numbers, please call at Palmer National Bank, as the bank holds the corresponding coupons, which are necessary when the bonds are redeemed?
\$5 Bond No. 2,076.
\$100 Bond Nos. 2,762, 2,763, and 73,095.
\$500 Bond No. 55,579.
Parties holding called bonds can have them collected by leaving
PALMER NATIONAL BANK.

FOR SALE AT AUCTION!
The undersigned will sell at public auction, on MONDAY, the 25th, at 1 o'clock p. m., the buildings and land of the estate of the late N. H. Stinson, deceased, a desirable location in Thorndike village. The house has seven large rooms, two bedrooms and a parlor; hall above and below. Barn and outbuildings, with nearly one acre of land, situated on the corner of School street and the old county road. The two best building lots in the village.
For terms apply to E. B. GATES, Thorndike.
E. B. GATES, Executor.
Palmer, Feb. 25th, 1878. 3w46

WOOD LOTS containing SLEEPERS and LUMBER, FOR SALE AT AUCTION!
The wood lot on J. A. ELLIOT'S farm in Brimfield will be divided into six lots and sold either separately, or all together, to the parties that will give the most.
On MONDAY, MARCH 4, at 11 o'clock a. m., if that day is pleasant and not very cold. The sale will take place on the lot, and if it is unpleasant or very cold or deep snow, the sale will be put over until the first pleasant Monday after.
This notice will be given in the Palmer Journal from week to week until the sale. Credit will be given if wanted. A GOOD CHANCE FOR ALL. Please call and will show you the lots before the sale. Mr. Butler told me that the railroad company is going to buy Sleepers every year, and the prospect is that they will be higher.
J. A. ELLIOT.
PHILINDA ELLIOT.
February, 1878. 4w47

THE Peremptory Sale
—OF—
McKNIGHT & NORTON'S ENTIRE STOCK OF DRY GOODS
COMMENCED ON
FRIDAY MORNING, FEB. 1st, 1878.
\$30,000 in Cash
Must be realized upon the stock at once, and the prices at which it will be sold will not admit of competition.
McKNIGHT & NORTON,
4w46f
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.
To Francis L. Coburn, mortgagee and supposed owner of the real estate described in and to all others interested in the real estate hereinafter described, notice:
By virtue of the power of sale and of attorney contained in the mortgage deed given by Francis L. Coburn, then of Wales and now of Springfield, in the County of Hampden, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established in Palmer, in the County of Hampshire, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated August 31st, A. D. 1875, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden, in Book 289, Page 653, for a branch of the conditions of said mortgage, a default having been made in the performance thereof, will be sold by the said Palmer Savings Bank at public auction, on the premises described below, on the fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1878, at two o'clock P. M., the real estate described in said mortgage as follows, to wit: A certain lot of land situated in said Wales and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Northernly part of lands formerly owned by William Jones, and partly on lands now or formerly owned by William Nelson, easterly on lands of Lyman Spelman, southerly on lands of William Nelson, which were formerly owned by James L. Wales, and westerly on lands of said Nelson in part and partly on lands formerly owned by Joseph C. Royce and Zeno Furling, owned by Joseph C. Royce and Zeno Furling, containing the hundred acres more or less, being the same premises conveyed to said Coburn by Assent Mortgage by deed dated May 13th, A. D. 1875, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden, in Book 274, Page 157, to which deed reference is hereby made. The said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes, liens or assessments thereon, and the successful bidder at the sale will be required to deposit with the auctioneer fifty dollars, as security for fulfillment of contract of purchase, or other terms made known at time and place of sale.

THE PALMER SAVINGS BANK.
By WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
Palmer, Feb. 8th, 1878. 3w46f

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.
To Charles Sherman, mortgagee, and supposed owner of the real estate described in and to all others interested in the real estate hereinafter described, notice:
By virtue of the power of sale and of attorney contained in the mortgage deed given by Charles Sherman of Palmer, in the County of Hampden, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established in Palmer, in the County of Hampshire, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated June 1st, A. D. 1876, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said County of Hampden, in Book 290, Page 220, for a branch of the conditions of said mortgage, a default having been made in the performance thereof, will be sold by the said Palmer Savings Bank at public auction, on the premises first described below, on the ninth day of March, A. D. 1878, at 10 o'clock in the forenoon, the real estate described in said mortgage as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land situated in said Palmer, beginning at a stake and stones at corner of lands of Richard Thomas, thence running on the line of said Thomas about thirty rods to the highway, thence across the highway to and following the line of heirs of the late Dr. Aaron King and the highway, thence easterly on highway last used by line of said Kendall's land to lands of Ellis Paul, thence on said Paul's line as line of Paul, thence to line of D. A. Collins, thence following said Collins's land south about sixty (60) rods to a stake and stones, thence west on said Collins's line about twenty (20) rods to first named highway, thence crossing said highway, thence westerly on said highway about thirty (30) rods to the highway that leads from Palmer Centre to Blue-Charville, thence on last named highway about one hundred (100) rods to lands of A. P. Kendall, thence following said Kendall's line to the first named highway, containing one hundred and twenty (120) acres of land, more or less; also one other tract of land containing three (3) acres, bounded north by the road leading from the premises above described to the house of Michael Kennan, south-southwest by lands of the heirs of the late Dr. Aaron King, and west and southwest by the highway separating it from the above described premises, and being the same premises described in a deed from Calvin K. Shaw to said Sherman and Elliot, E. Taylor, dated April 1st, 1875, and recorded with Hampden County Registry of Deeds, book 322, page 236, subject to the restrictions therein named and with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging being all and the same premises described in said mortgage. The said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes, liens and assessments, and the successful bidder at the sale will be required to deposit with the auctioneer, at time of sale, the sum of one hundred dollars, as security for performance of contract of purchase. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

THE PALMER SAVINGS BANK.
By WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
Palmer, Mass., Feb. 5th, A. D. 1878. 3w46

GOOD BOARD AND ROOMS for four or five gentlemen, corner of Pleasant and Church streets. Inquire of M. FOX for further information. R. A. BRAY, A. D. 1877. 3w47

ONE FIRST-CLASS TRAVERSE RUNNERS SLEIGH for sale Low.
Inquire of W. H. HITCHCOCK, At Store and Tin Shop. Palmer, Feb. 1st, 1878. 2w45

Currier & Hodskins's ANNOUNCEMENT
—OF—
REMOVAL!
Having leased the elegant and commodious stores on the first and second floors, No. 350 Main Street, in Bill's Block, now occupied by S. Packard & Co., shall occupy same about March 15th, with an entire new stock of Dry Goods and Carpets. In the meantime, with a view to close stock in our present location, we propose to offer same at such a sweeping reduction in every department that will effect a speedy clearance. Without enumerating the general excellence and attractiveness of our stock, we specify a few of the many bargains.

BLACK SILKS.
During this sale we shall offer an unusual opportunity to purchase, and buyers may rest assured that our Black Silks have an established reputation, are from the best makers, and are beautiful in finish and of known excellence. We would make special mention of the following:
One lot worth \$1.62½ we offer at \$1.25
" " " " " " " " 1.50
" " " " " " " " 1.75
" " " " " " " " 2.00
An examination of the above must convince the closest buyer that no such bargains have ever been offered in this city.

BLACK CASHMERE.
We present at this time a full and complete line of these very popular and sensible Dress Fabrics, all grades, but quote only three lots:
1 Lot, 5 pieces, 40 in., very fine twill, at 75c, well worth \$1.00.
1 Lot, 10 pieces, 45 in., very fine and extra heavy, at \$1.00, never sold less than \$1.25.
1 Lot, 5 pieces, 45 in., extra fine and heavy, at \$1.25, never sold less than \$1.50.

The above are without question the best values ever offered in this class of Dress Goods. We shall sell all other grades, together with our entire stock of

BLACK DRESS GOODS,
Including Alpaca, Brilliantines, Bantz and Henrietta Cloths at the same substantial reductions.

Housekeeping Goods.
We quote the following positive bargains:
8-4 Blea. Linen Damasks, very fine, extra heavy, \$1.62½, former price \$2.00.
8-4 Blea. Linen Damasks, very fine, extra heavy, \$1.17, formerly \$1.50.
7-4 Blea. Linen Damasks at 87½, formerly \$1.10.
7-4 " " " " " " " " 62½, " " 85.
6-4 Turkey Red Damasks at 85c, former price \$1.00 to \$1.10.
6-4 Turkey Red Damasks at 65c, former price 75c to 85c.
Best Loom Damasks, extra quality, 65c, former price 80c to 85c.
Loom Damasks, fine quality, 45c, former price 62½.
Loom Damasks, good quality, 37½c, former price 50c.

All Linen Napkins, good quality, 75c, reduced from \$1.00.
All Linen Napkins, fine quality, \$1.00, reduced from \$1.25.
All Linen Napkins, very fine quality, \$1.75, reduced from \$2.25.
All Linen Napkins, extra fine quality, \$2.75, reduced from \$3.25.
20 doz. Bordered Huck Towels at 12½c, would be cheap at 20c.
20 doz. Bordered Huck Towels at 17c, worth 25c.
10 " " " " " " " " 20c, " 37½c.
10 " " " " " " " " 35c, " 50c.

We will close in this sale the following lots, at a great sacrifice, in

MARSEILLES QUILTS.
1 Lot 10x10 at \$1.75, reduced from \$2.50
1 " 10x10 " 2.00 " 3.00
1 " 10x10 " 2.50 " 4.25
1 " 12x4 " 4.00 " 5.50

BLANKETS.
1 Lot 11-4, warranted all wool, at \$6.00, former price \$7.50.
1 Lot 11-4 Wool Blankets at \$5.00, former price \$6.50.
1 Lot 11-4 Wool Blankets at \$3.50, former Price \$5.

Every one of the above lots are the cheapest Blankets ever offered.

PRINTS.
All our prints of the best makes, 6½c. All other makes, 5c.

COTTONS
Have materially advanced. We shall, however, give them to our customers while our present stock lasts, at a material reduction from late prices. We quote Bleached Cottons as follows:
4-4 at 6½c, regular price 7½c.
4-4 at 8c, cheap at 9c.
4-4 at 9c, never sold better than 11c.
4-4 at 10c, " " " 11½c.
4-4 at 11c, " " " 12½c.
The last three mentioned Cottons are known to be the most popular makes of the day.
4-4 in. Bleached Cottons at 11c, worth 13½c.
4-4 in. " " " 12½c, " 15c.
4-4 in. " " " 13½c, " 15c.
4-4 in. " " " 15c, " 20c, beat goods.
10-4 " " " 25c, " 30c.

BROWN COTTONS.
4-4 at 6½, 7 and 8c, regular price 7½, 8 and 9c.
9-8 at 8 and 9c, regular price 9 and 10c.
9-4 Best Quality at 22c.

CARPETS.
In this department we foresee lively times. Stock "clean as a whistle." Have just bought for cash a large line of Hartford Extra Super Ingrains in new choice patterns, and to make matters interesting we propose to offer them in connection with this sale at 85 cents. The balance in stock of Lowells at the same prices.

All of our best Tapestries at \$1.00. One lot of Tapestries of a superior quality in choice patterns at 87½c.

In offering to our customers the benefit of the above prices, we need hardly state that for those desiring to replenish, this is the golden opportunity, and the motive that prompts this large sacrifice is solely for the purpose of closing out stock, as we desire to start in our new location with an entire new stock.

CURRIER & HODSKINS,
Corner Main & Court Sts.,
SPRINGFIELD, - - MASS.

PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD.
GREAT THROUGH LINE
AND
UNITED STATES MAIL ROUTE.

The attention of the traveling public is respectfully invited to some of the merits of this great highway, in the promptness and belief that no other traveling line can offer equal inducements as a route of through travel. In

CONSTRUCTION AND EQUIPMENT,
THE
PENNSYLVANIA RAILROAD

stands confessedly at the head of American railways. The track is double the entire length of the line, of steel rails laid on heavy oak ties, which are embedded in a foundation of rock ballast eight inches in depth. All bridges are of iron or stone, and built upon the most improved plan, substantial, are at the same time models of comfort and elegance.

THE SAFETY APPLIANCES
in use on this line will illustrate the far-seeing and liberal policy of its management, in accordance with which the utility only of an improvement and not its cost has been the question of consideration. Among many may be noticed

THE BLOCK SYSTEM OF SAFETY SIGNALS,
JANNY COUPLER, BUFFER & PLATFORM,
THE WHARTON PATENT SWITCH,
AND THE

WESTINGHOUSE AIR-BRAKE,
forming in conjunction with a perfect double track and road-bed a combination of safeguards against accidents which have rendered them practically impossible.

PULLMAN PALACE CARS
Are run on all Express Trains
From New York, Philadelphia, Baltimore, and Washington,
To Chicago, Cincinnati, Louisville, Indianapolis and St. Louis.

WITHOUT CHANGE,
and to all principal points in the far West and South, and one change of cars. Connections are made in Union Depots, and are assured to all important points.

THE SCENERY OF THE PENNSYLVANIA ROUTE
is admitted to be unsurpassed in the world for grandeur, beauty and variety. Superior scenery and facilities are provided. Employees are courteous and attentive, and it is an inevitable result that a trip by the Pennsylvania Railroad must form a PLEASING & MEMORABLE EXPERIENCE.

Tickets for sale at the lowest rates at the Ticket Offices of the company in all important cities and towns.
FRANK THOMPSON, General Manager.
L. P. FARMER, General Passenger Agent.
C. S. HALDEMAN, New England Agent,
203 and 205 Washington St., Boston, Mass.

THE STANDARD BROILER.
PATENTED APRIL 16th, 1877.

THE SIMPLEST AND BEST ARTICLE
For COOKING BEEFSTEAK ever invented.
Can be used over either a coal or wood fire.

Cooks Steak SO QUICKLY that all the JUICES and FLAVOR are retained.

Does not get ashes or coal on the meat;
Does not let smoke and gas out of the stove.
Does not put out the fire.

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How to MAKE MINCE PIES.—Hash five pounds of beef with three pounds of apples; one-third pound of chopped raisins, add three table-spoons spice, and cook three minutes; add three table-spoons cinnamon, and stir three times; add mace and pepper and caraway and cloves, and coriander and dried gooseberries; and salt and citron, and keep tasting till you are sure it is right; then set the pan in a chair and add one quart of boiled cider, one tea-cup of vinegar, two dozen prunes without the stones, a gill of white brandy if you can get it, a wine-glass of rose water and four pulverized nutmegs; next add two cups of butter and one cup of salt; cook fifteen minutes, taste and put the spoon back; if you have anything else in the house you would like to put in, you can do so, only exercise discretion in all your experiments.—Detroit Free Press.

Experiments in driving by electricity have been made in France. An electro-magnet is placed beneath the coachman's seat, from which one wire is carried along the reins to the horse's bit, and another to the crupper, so that the whole length of the spine forms part of an electric current. A sudden shock, which the driver can administer at discretion, will, it is said, arrest the most furious runaway.

The two most precious things this side of the grave are our reputation and our life. But it is to be lamented that the most contemptible whisper may deprive us of the one, and the weakest weapon of the other. A wise man, therefore, will be more anxious to deserve a fair name than to possess it, and this will teach him so to live, as not to be afraid to die.

As they were about to quaff one of the party suddenly called out to another, "Hello, Dougherty—you drinking whiskey? Sure it was only yesterday ye told me ye was a tattler." "Well," said Mr. Dougherty, evidently somewhat disconcerted, "you're right, Mister Kelly—it's quite right ye are—I am a tattler, it's true, but I-I-I'm not a bigoted one!"

The setting of a great hope is like the setting of the sun. The brightness of our life is gone, shadows of the evening fall behind us, and the world seems but a dim reflection of itself—a broader shadow. We look forward into the lonely night; the soul withdraws itself. Then stars arise, and the night is holy.

"What is Life Insurance?" exclaimed a bold agent in a street car to a victim of a busted company. "I can answer that," replied the victim; "it is the art of keeping a man poor all through life in order that he may die rich."

Many a true heart that would have come back like a dove to the ark, after the first transgression, has been frightened beyond recall by the angry look and menacing taunt—the savage charity of an unforgiving soul.

Young Green: "Hut, isn't it?" Young lady (tired of the subject): "So you said just now." Y. G. (nervously): "Yes, but don't you think it has got hotter?" Young lady gives Young Green up as a bad job.

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We often hear the remark made that farming is a poor business and does not pay; still there are thousands upon thousands who succeed in it, and by and through it secure an ample competency long before the decline of life. There are many such in this immediate neighborhood. Boys who commenced with nothing are now men worth many thousands. On the way to the village not long since we were overtaken by such a one, who kindly offered us a ride. This man, though not yet fifty, has a good farm with stock and implements worth not less than \$15,000. He also has some \$20,000 on interest, from which he realizes from \$5 to \$7 per day; and all this the result of industry, economy and tact in farming. Both being farmers, our conversation naturally turned to that subject. The first thing that attracted his attention was a farm stocked with sheep and cows. Said he: This man has made no better from his cows this summer. His sheep have gleaned all his grass, and I see that they are not in good condition, and as a result, thin in flesh. He cannot sell them this fall, and the grain that it will take to make them marketable the coming winter will be worth about all the sheep will fetch. He did not believe in sheep anyhow; they multiplied too rapidly, and as a result fluctuated too much in value. Cattle was his hobby. He had made most of his money by and through them. He fed all his corn to fatten cattle for the market, and when he ran a little short he bought. He thus kept the fertility of his land. Talking about horses, he said that they were usually dull of sale, and if one could not dispose of a colt at three or four years old, it would soon eat itself up. We also drew from him the fact that for many years, when he first commenced business for himself, if he saved \$200 a year over and above all expenses, he thought he had done well; but with years came a better understanding of his business, and with knowledge came power to add dime to dime and dollar to dollar, until to-day he is what the title of this article indicates and what we are all striving to become—a successful farmer.—Correspondent Germantown Telegraph.

A writer in one of the religious papers, in discussing amusements, declares that "a true Christian knows what he may or may not do." Just so. But the trouble is that other Christians assume to know a good deal better what he may or may not do than he does himself. The diffusiveness of conscience is one of the elements that Mr. Joseph Cook failed to mention among his Reminders. We have known church-members with conscience enough for a whole village; at least, they assumed to furnish a supply for the entire body of Christians. The thoroughly and concededly good man, who finds no harm, and thinks of none, in a game of whist or a pure play, doubtless "knows what he may do." But in step the other Christian brothers, who know what he may not do, and the trouble begins.—Golden Rule.

HYGIENIC RULES.—Never eat when fatigued; wait until rested. Never eat just before you expect to engage in any severe mental or physical exercise. Never eat while in a passion, or when under any great mental excitement, depressing or elevating. Never eat just before taking a bath, or just before retiring at night. Never eat between regular meals. Thousands of people have been prematurely laid in their grave simply from eating heartily when the system was not in a condition to properly digest and appropriate the food. When the system requires food, and is in a condition to make use of it, it will call for it in its legitimate way.

As he was ascending the pulpit steps, one of the elders button-holed him for a moment to whisper an additional caution: "The liquor-dealer has just come into the church, and he gives us a lift sometimes: I wish you would be particular not to allude to the whiskey business or the temperance question." The young minister, getting fairly frightened to see the moral ground thus steadily narrowing before him, inquired, "Whom or what shall I preach against, then?" The elder's reply came with an air of triumph. "Preach against the Mormons; they haven't got a friend in town." If preaching is the art of not hitting anybody, that certainly would have been an effective direction.

Proportion thy charity to the strength of thy estate, lest God proportion thy estate to the weakness of thy charity; let the lips of the poor be the trumpet of thy gift, lest in seeking applause, thou lose thy reward.—Nothing is more pleasing to God than an open hand and a close mouth.—Quarles.

Cigarette smoking is indulged in by many young women and school-girls in New York. The thumbs and forefingers of a class in a young ladies' school in that city were examined the other day, and only two were found to be without tobacco stains.

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Fell under some bright mermaid's witchery.
Down in her home, beneath the dancing wave,
He passed three days in bodily ease.
He passed the night to that home he gave
Until at length his pastimes ceased to please.
Then he declared that he must homeward go,
And all in vain the sea-nymph urged him stay.
To each entreaty he but answered, "No."
And so at last she sent him on his way.
But first she gave him, as a precious charm,
A jeweled easket with a key of gold,
And said that he should never suffer harm
Unless its contents he should cease to hold.
When home was reached the youth was all amazed,
For everywhere he saw the touch of change,
And, as in every passing face he gazed,
He sighed, for every countenance was strange.
At last his weary footsteps found the street
Where once he stood his father's lowly cot;
Where once it stood—but change had led so fleet
That home or loving parents found he not.
His grief was lone, and hearing the sad cry
An old, old man took pity on his woe,
And asked its cause, and, hearing said, "Poor boy,
Thou'rt crazed! They died a hundred years ago!"
"A hundred years ago! 'Tis false," he cried;
"Since last I saw them scarce four days have gone!"
"Alas, poor boy," the aged man replied,
"Thy wife have died!" and slowly passed he on.
Then on the youth full heavily there fell
The shadow of a terrible alarm,
And he unlocked her gift, the wondrous charm.
Ah, luckless wight! His witless hand released
The demons of the century just-died,
And deep their marks upon his brow they creased,
And white they turned the black locks on his head;
And weak he fell, and weaker grew apace.
And fast his days and nights were passing sped;
And in the morning they who sought the place
Found lying there an old man cold and dead.

TRAINING ELEPHANTS.

A New York *Sun* reporter has had an interview with the keeper of five elephants, performing in a circus at Gilmore's Garden, and obtained from him the following "points" in regard to training such animals.
"I suppose," said the reporter, "you know the elephants' nature pretty thoroughly—how to care for them, and how to handle them?"
"Well, I ought to. I have been with them over nineteen years, and have had charge of a good many. I have never been very badly hurt as yet, though I have been in the hospital three times during injuries they gave me. I was once laid up for three weeks; but I suppose my time will come, for almost every elephant trainer is killed or disabled finally. I was with Forepaugh's circus when the vicious Romeo killed his keeper, a good fellow named Williams; I afterwards had charge of the elephant. Williams thoroughly understood his business, but long familiarity with the beasts had made him careless, and he paid for his carelessness with his life. Romeo had one tusk broken off short, and it was a fearful weapon. He was subject to ugly spells, and then it was not safe for any one man to approach him, unless others were near at hand to give him assistance if he should need it. His keeper knew this well; but one Saturday morning when Romeo had one of his spells on him, Williams, over confident, went up to him and spoke to him. In an instant the beast knocked him down, jumped on him with his fore feet, drove his terrible tusk nearly through him, and—poor fellow—almost before he could cry out for help, he was dead. We rushed up as quickly as possible, scared the brute off, and picked up the body of Williams. You would be astonished to see how thoroughly, with their feet and tusks, elephants can mangle a body."
"What did you then do with Romeo—confine him?"
"Confine him? Well, that is good? Why, there was not a house in the place, nor chains in the village strong enough to hold him. In his blind rage he would have torn everything to pieces, and if he had got away from us, heaven knows how much property he would have destroyed, or how many people he would have killed. We did as we always do in such cases. With ropes, chains and bars we tripped and threw him. Then we set to work to bring him into subjection. Half a dozen men, armed with hoop poles, big blacksnake whips—such as male drivers use—and anything else that would hurt, but not break bones, thrashed him, laying on blows as hard as they knew how. When they were exhausted others took their places, and so we kept it up for four hours before the brute squealed, and then we let him up."
"What do you mean by that?"
"Why, when an elephant squeals from a licking, it is a signal that he is conquered, that he gives in, and then it is safe to untie him and let him up. I have here five Asiatic elephants which were captured near Ceylon."
"What is the best age to begin to teach a trick or performing elephant?"
"Well, about eight or nine years. They then grow and develop slowly until they are about forty-eight or fifty—and then grow to maturity as they grow in years. Chieftain, there, is beginning to show his disposition already, and in ten years from now he will be an ugly fellow to handle. In captivity their average age is from seventy-five to eighty years, but in their wild state they will frequently live for a century and a half. These fellows have good appetites. I give each one about 125 pounds of hay, two bushels of oats, and twenty-five or thirty gallons of water. Every Sunday they are thoroughly washed with carbolic soap, and they are now in splendid condition. They are very fond of water, and when we are on the road, if we come to a pond or river, it is almost impossible to keep them out of it. When they do get in they splash about and cut up as so many children. Like children, too, they never know when they have been in long enough, and I frequently have considerable trouble in getting them out. A singular thing about them when they are traveling, and have to camp out, is that they never go in pairs. The females go by themselves and the males by themselves, and they do not seem to care at all for each other."
"Do you have much trouble in teaching them to perform?"
"Yes, it requires a great deal of patience, and they are very timid about mounting platforms, or going up and down stairs; but they can go up or down a steeper flight or a hill than a horse. There is one satisfaction in training them though; when they have once learned a trick they never forget it. We use blocks and falls in teaching them to raise their feet, legs and bodies, and after they once understand what I want them to do I have but little trouble with them. Sometimes when one does particularly well I give him a piece of carrot, or some other dainty, and he knows what that means pretty quick."

"Do you induce them to learn by a series of rewards?"

"Not a bit of it. If we were to show them too much kindness they would get the upper hand of us in a day, and the trainer's life would not be safe for a minute. Fear is the only thing that controls them. They must know all the time that they have a master. We never punish them unless it is positively necessary, and then seldom severely. Their skin is as tender as a horse's, and they feel the lash quite as acutely. The instrument they fear most, though, is this prod and hook, and the mere sight of it will, on ordinary occasions, bring them to terms. It frightens them the same as it would to tell a child you would prick it with a knife blade. To show you how cunning they are: At rehearsal they do their work quickly, and make no mistakes, but at night they will loaf on me—go round picking up pieces of paper, or do anything else to make time—simply because they know I dare not punish them before an audience. The people would think I was very cruel. If they knew how treacherous and savage the brutes are, and how necessary it is keep them under control, they would think differently."

"Have you no fear of them when in the ring?"
"No; but I keep my eye on Chieftain all the time, and at the least miss a tap of the whip reminds him that I am looking on. He understands this, too, and knows just how far he can trifle with me. He is the leader, and as long as he behaves I have no fear of the others. With performing dogs and horses the more kindness the keeper shows the more successful he is, and strong affection frequently exists between the brutes and their trainers; but it is not so with elephants. They never form any liking for the men who have the care of them, and when they have their ugly turns their keeper is the first one they will attack. They will select him out of a room full of persons, and then, if he shows the least fear, he is as good as dead. The long list of keepers slain proves that."
"But have elephants no affection for anything?"

"Oh, yes. They will form a strong attachment for a dog, or a bear, or some other beast. Baby here has a great liking for the camel Dick, and whenever he is let loose will run over to him and mount guard over him; and he will not then permit anybody to approach his favorite. I should hesitate to go too near the camel until I had first called Baby away; but strong as is the affection they will thus form for a beast, they seldom have any for a man, and never the least for their keepers."

"If they are so very treacherous, I suppose you have to stay with them the greater portion of the time?"
"I am never away from them for more than an hour at a time, day or night. I have a room here in the building, and when we are traveling I always sleep in the same tent. I have a bed made near them, and they are the most curious customers you ever saw. They will never go to sleep until they see me go to bed. Sometimes I sit up reading for an hour or two after the performances, and they will stand in line watching me until I get through. It's a queer sight—the great garden dark as Egypt, only an occasional watchman's lantern flitting about, and I sit reading at my little table by the light of a solitary candle, with these great brutes looming up in the gloom, with flapping ears and staring eyes, following my every movement. Frequently, if I get interested in my book, and sit up too late, my assistant will come to me and say, 'Come, George, go to bed, and give the elephants a chance to get some sleep, and then I have to turn in whether I want to or not, for I must keep my big fellows in good physical condition, you know.'"

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A Virginia sheriff asked a murderer if he wanted to make a speech on the gallows, and he replied: "Guess not; it looks like rain, and I don't want to get wet. Go on with the hanging."

WHAT HE WANTED.

The bolt on the back door had needed replacing for a long time, but it was only the other night that Mr. Throton had the presence of mind to buy a new one and take it home. After supper he hunted up his tools, removed the old bolt, and measured the location for the new one. He must bore some new holes, and Mrs. Throton heard him roaming around the kitchen and woodshed, slamming doors, pulling out drawers, and kicking furniture around. She went to the head of the stairs, and called down:
"Richard, do you want anything?"
"Yes, I do," he yelled back. "I want to know where in Texas that corkscrew is?"
"Corkscrew, Richard?"
"Yes, corkscrew! I've looked the house over and can't find it!"
"Why, we never had one, Richard."
"Didn't, eh? We've had a dozen of 'em in the last two years, and I bought one not four weeks ago. It's always the way when I want anything."

"But you must be out of your head, husband," she said, as she descended the stairs. "We've kept house seven years, and I never remember seeing you bring a corkscrew home."

"Oh, yes, I'm out of my head, I am!" he grumbled, as he pulled out the sewing machine drawer and turned over its contents. "Perhaps I'd better go to the lunatic asylum right away!"

"Well, Richard, I know that I have never seen a corkscrew in this house."
"Then you are as blind as an owl in daylight, for I've bought five or six. The house is always upside down, anyhow, and I never can find anything!"

"The house is kept as well as any of your folks can keep one!" she retorted, growing red in the face.

"I'd like my mother here to show you a few things," he said, as he stretched his neck to look on the high shelf in the pantry.

"Perhaps she'd hold her spectacles with the potatoes again!" answered the wife.

"Do you know who you are talking to?" he yelled, as he jumped down.

"Yes, I do!"
"Well, you'll be going for York State, if you don't look out!"

"I'd like to see myself! When I go this house goes!"

"Look out, Nancy!"
"I'm afraid of no man that lives!"

"I'll leave you!"
"And I'll laugh to see you go!"

Going up close to her he extended his finger, shoot it to emphasize his words, and slowly said:

"Nancy Throton, I'll apply for a divorce to-morrow! I'll tell the judge that I kindly and lovingly asked you where the gimlet was, and you said we never had one in the house, which is a falsehood, as I can prove!"

"Gimlet?" she exclaimed.
"Yes, gimlet!"

"Why, I know where there are three or four! You said corkscrew!"

"Did I?" he gasped, sitting down on the corner of the table; "well, now, I believe I did!"

And you went and abused me like a slave because I wouldn't say a gimlet was a corkscrew!" she sobbed, falling on the lounge.

"Nancy," he said, tenderly lifting her up. "Oh, Richard!" she sobbingly answered.

"And that household is so quietly happy that a canary bird would sing its head off if hung up in the hall."

VENTILATE ROOMS.

Dr. Oswald, writing on ventilation, calls those who live and sleep in close rooms, modern Troglodytes or cave-dwellers.

Common atmospheric air—pure air—is as necessary to life and health as food; more necessary, in fact. The stomach may be without food for twenty-four hours without serious detriment, and for three days without endangering life, while the food for the lungs cannot be totally stopped for six minutes without fatal consequences.

We take into our lungs with every breath about one pint of air, and breathe about twenty times per minute, so that the quantity of gaseous food thus consumed by the body amounts in a day to six hundred and seventy-five cubic feet.

Eating and drinking are, therefore, secondary or supplementary to the most important parts performed by the lungs. Everywhere on the surface of the earth for fifty miles high, the air, mixed in the proper proportions for healthy respiration, is supplied to sustain and build up animal life.

Yet we contrive houses to exclude it as effectually as the Arabian caves, and enclose ourselves therein, and thus enfeeble the race. Thousands and tens of thousands actually die annually from a famine of air.

Well does Dr. Oswald say it is distressingly probable that consumption, that most fearful scourge of the human race, is not a "mysterious dispensation of Providence," nor a "product of our outrageous climate," but the direct consequence of an outrageous violation of the physical laws of nature.

This direful disease can be avoided by simply breathing constantly the air prepared in the laboratory of nature, instead of the fatal gases prepared, retained and inhaled in our cave-like dwellings and places of public meetings.

Men, women and children can only live in health in fresh air. It may be more agreeable and better to have the air equable in temperature and not overloaded with moisture; but it is far better to have dampness, cold and changeableness, than to breathe the gases left after the oxygen has been extracted from the air by passing through the lungs, or the air has been disintegrated by other processes.

Let us repeat, then, what has been so often said by medical men: Ventilate! ventilate your work-rooms, your houses—particularly your sleeping-rooms. Remember that each person needs over three thousand cubic feet of fresh air every night. Ventilate your school-rooms, public halls and churches.—*Chicago Inter-Ocean.*

An Irishman, being annoyed by a howling dog in the night jumped out of bed to slay the offender. It was in the month of January, when the snow was three feet deep. Not returning, his wife ran out to see what was the matter. There she found her husband, in his night-shirt, his teeth chattering and his whole body almost paralyzed with cold, holding the struggling dog by the tail. "Arrah, Pat," said she, "what wud ye be after doin'?"

"I wish," said he, "Don't ye see I'm trying to fraze the baste?"

It was the Philadelphia *Bulletin* which observed that "A boy will never willingly relinquish any of his cakes except his spunk-aches."

February Rain.

O, lonely day! No sounds are heard
Save winds and floods that downward pour,
And timid fluting of a bird,
That pipes one low note o'er and o'er.

Before the blast the bare trees lean,
The rugged clouds sail low and gray,
And all the wild and wintry scene
Is but one blur of driving spray.

O day most meet for memories,
For nursing by a vacant hearth
On that which was and that which is,
And those who walk no more on earth!

And yet this dark and dreary day
Some brighter lesson still can bring,
For it is herald of the May
A hint foretold of the spring.

Beneath the ceaseless beating rain
Earth's snowy shroud fast disappears,
As sorrow pressing on the brain,
Fades in a flood of happy tears.

And thus in darkness oft is wrought,
Through lonely days of tears and grief,
The gradual change by which is brought
To shadowed lives some sweet relief.

—Scribner's.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Boston, Feb. 13, 1878.

The prevalence of diphtheria on the Back Bay lands is something terrible. There is scarcely a house in that elegant portion of the city, where the wealth of the community is represented, which has been unvisited by this terrible scourge. A gentleman living on the lower part of Beacon street told me that within a stone's throw of his house were twenty cases now, of the most malignant type. He said that in his own house the sewer gases were so strong that the brass nails on his dining room chairs turned black, and he and his family have been compelled to leave it and go to a down town hotel. The cause is due to faults in the main sewer, and it will cost the city of Boston \$250,000 to have it properly fixed. I think the talk about public parks had better be stopped for awhile and the poisonous source of such malaria cleansed.

There isn't a house on the Back Bay that isn't full of typhoid and other malarial which find good lurking places, in the midst of wealth and luxury, instead of their usual surroundings of poverty, filth and squalor. It's a shame to the city if something is not done to check their further progress.

Do you know, the class of persons who have my most ardent sympathy are horse car conductors. They are expected to be amiable when any one else would be cross, to be courteous under the most trying circumstances, and never to lose their tempers no matter how great the provocation. I heard a conductor say once, that people who were quite agreeable and sensible at home were foolish and disagreeable as soon as they set foot on a public conveyance; that they put their good manners off with their house toiles, and donned disagreeable, intolerant airs with their hats and bonnets. After much watching of human nature I have arrived at the same conclusion.

A woman got on to a car of the Highland line the other day, after being repeatedly assured that the car did go up Warren street and did to a certainty pass Mouland street. After she was fairly in she called the conductor four times to ask him the most foolish questions. Of course everybody supposed her a stranger; what was the general surprise when she signalled the car to stop at the street she had made such a fuss over.

"So you know where it is?" said the conductor.
"Of course I do; don't I live there?" was the reply.
SALLIE JOY WHITE.

LETTER FROM SOUTH CAROLINA.

GREENVILLE, S. C., Feb. 5th, 1878.

Dear Journal.—I do not suppose the people of Palmer are in the midst of gardening yet. Well, we are here; plowing, digging, spading, and planting are going on briskly. This has been an exceptional winter for you, up north—not so here. 'Tis about the average for this section. We have a little snow every winter, just enough to swear by; the lowest thermometer has registered is 12° above zero, and that for

The Journal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 1878.

SENATOR HILL of Georgia made a strong speech the other day against the Bland silver bill, which he very aptly termed "The pick-apeet bill."

THE Pope's funeral at Rome will take place on the 16th, 17th and 18th. Catholic churches all over the world have celebrated his death with imposing ceremonies.

GEN. ANDERSON of the Louisiana Returning Board has been convicted of fraud, and the rest of the Board will undoubtedly share his fate. There was no justice in his trial, and his conviction was an outrage.

THE historic mansion of the late Daniel Webster, at Marshfield, was destroyed by fire on Thursday night. Most of the valuable paintings and furniture were saved. Everything in the upper stories was burned.

OUR Legislature has passed a bill declaring explicitly that the interest and principal of the State bonds are payable in gold coin. Massachusetts has always been honest in this matter, and there was no danger of the State's trying to palm off silver dollars on her creditors. But this vote will perhaps make assurance doubly sure.

IN consequence of the failure of Hayden, Gere & Co. of Haydenville, the Savings Bank, of which Joel Hayden is president, has suffered quite a run, and now requires thirty days' notice before the withdrawal of deposits. The bank is probably somewhat crippled by the failure of Hayden, Gere & Co., which is a great blow to the entire community.

AFTER having built an extravagant and costly insane hospital at Danvers, it is now proposed to close it before it is quite ready to receive patients. The heating of the establishment would cost more than \$100 a day, and the water about half as much. It is built in the costliest manner and is finished better than the Presidential mansion at Washington. Now it is found to be useless, and is another evidence of the hasty way our Legislature vote to expend money.

QUITE a lively scrimmage occurred in the National House last Wednesday over the Presidential question, and what made it the more interesting was that its participants were chiefly Democrats, who seemed bound to scratch out each other's eyes. The lie was given, and intimations of a duel made, while the poor fellows who talked so boisterously had to cool themselves off without hurting anybody but themselves. The Democrats are not managing very judiciously for themselves in Congress.

OLEOMARGARINE is being sold very extensively now-a-days, and it is intimated that a good many people who buy their butter by the firkin get "tallow butter" and don't know it. It is estimated that 125 tons of the stuff are made daily, and somebody of course eats it. Cheese is also made of the same material, and it is said that farmers are learning the art of adulterating their products with tallow to their pecuniary advantage. The tallow may be equally wholesome, and as long as people can't tell the difference it may not make much odds, but we suspect that most people would prefer to take their tallow separate from their butter.

ONE of the noticeable features in the addresses of Murphy and his lieutenants is the all-pervading spirit of charity running through them all. Not a harsh word is spoken against anybody, and even for the liquor dealer there are only words of compassionate kindness. Unfortunately, there is too much need of just these teachings. It is an easy and common thing to impugn the motives and criticize the acts of our neighbors, though they may have good and sufficient reasons all unknown to us for doing the things we so freely condemn, and the temperance workers are doing a good work in teaching people to better observe the command, "Judge not, that ye be not judged."

IN response to a Legislative request, the Auditor has furnished a statement showing that last year our 27 Boards and Commissioners cost the State \$222,950. In 1869 there were only 19 in existence, and the expense was \$139,686. Since 1868 there have been 55 Boards and Commissions in existence, and the cost has been \$2,340,158. The Board of State Charities has cost \$453,427 in the ten years; the Insurance Commission \$803,020, the Board of Education \$222,749; the Railroad Commission \$201,610, and the Tax Commission \$200,059. A statement was also furnished showing the annual cost of State printing since 1850, when the sum spent was \$21,332. The amount gradually increased until in 1870 the highest point was reached, \$201,039. Since then the sums have been smaller, and last year amounted to a little over \$125,000.

THE dog question appears to be about as interesting a subject as they have before the Legislature. The committee on that subject have had quite a lively hearing this week, and the attendance has been larger than at any other committee hearing. Mr. Lathrop of Springfield, our late district attorney, champions the dogs, and his remarks before the committee have been quite amusing. One man before the committee contended that there was no such thing as hydrophobia, that he had been bitten a hundred times by dogs without the least ill effect. Dr. Breck of Springfield also testified in favor of the dogs. He had cured cases of hydrophobia with bread pills, having informed the patient that they were "a sure cure." The dog committee will doubtless report a bill of some kind, but will not probably increase the tax very much, as is asked by the Granby petitioners.

MR. EDWARD FOOT of Springfield, as a reformed man trying to lead a better life, is entitled to the sympathy and moral encouragement of every man and woman, and the public will listen with interest to what he has to say; but when he asks \$8 to \$10 a night and expenses for going upon the platform to relate his experience, he most certainly over-estimates his abilities. None can but feel that the money which is paid Mr. Eccles Robinson for his services is well spent, for he is a speaker of no ordinary merit, earnest and eloquent, with heart and soul fully engaged in his work, and has the faculty of knowing just what to do and when to do it. But Mr. Foot has none of his personal magnetism or executive ability, and shows plainly that the role of public speaker is new to him; and a realization of these facts, together with gratitude for his own recent salvation, should lead him to be a little more modest in his demands, and not expect the compensation of a veteran.

PEACE does not come quickly after the armistice entered into between Russia and Turkey. We are getting many contradictory reports from there. England has it reported, sent her fleet into the Dardanelles, despite the protests of the Porte, and now things look quite serious in that quarter. It is also reported that the Russians have entered Constantinople. If the first report is true the second probably is, as the Russians would be justified in doing so if England had taken the liberty of advancing her fleet in that direction. The Russian bear will get its mad up if the British lion has taken such a step, and it would seem that there could be no backing out without an altercation.

GIDEON WELLES, Secretary of the Navy under Presidents Lincoln and Johnson, died at Hartford, Ct., Monday night, in the 76th year of his age, from the effects of a carbuncle on his neck. During the last few years Mr. Welles has been kept prominently before the country by his magazine articles, giving inside views of the Administration under which he served, in which he showed himself a keen and interesting writer. In his early life he was editor of the Hartford Times, and has held a number of political offices.

WOULD it not be more creditable to our Legislature to attend to its own legislative business than to be discussing and voting on matters which Congress alone has the power to pass upon? It will not make one hair white or black whether Massachusetts legislators pronounce for or against the silver question, and the men who are making our laws had better be settling the mad dog question rather than fooling away their time in resolving upon national matters.

MOODY AND SANKEY began their work in Springfield on Sunday. The Murphy movement has laid an excellent foundation for a religious revival in that city, and the evangelists expect to reap a large harvest. Mr. Moody has a set of sermons which he preaches in every place he visits, and many persons who have heard him on several occasions, have had the pleasure of hearing the same sermons in each place.

CARPENTER's painting of the Signing of the Emancipation Proclamation was presented to Congress Tuesday by Mrs. Thompson, the owner. Gen. Garfield made the presentation speech and Alexander Stephens responded in acceptance, eulogizing President Lincoln and acknowledging that slavery was an evil.

CRIMES AND CASUALTIES.

THE brig Carrie Winslow was sunk Monday off Sandy Hook by a collision, and the captain and steward were drowned.

Michael Hastings of Williamstown, Conn., was struck by an engine and probably fatally injured at Worcester Monday evening.

The body of Rev. A. M. Osgood, a well known Methodist clergyman, was found in the dock at Stonington, Conn., on Friday.

An old woman who went to sleep with a lighted pipe in her mouth in New York the other night has died from the burns received in consequence.

Lizzie Jefferson, a beautiful girl of 14, was outraged and murdered last week at Wilcox Landing, Va., by an unknown man, who hired a party to entice her into the woods.

Jealousy led Charles Baker of Baltimore, a saloon keeper, to shoot his wife and then himself last Saturday. He died instantly, but his wife will probably recover.

There was a disastrous tornado at Augusta, Ga., last week Thursday night, which destroyed a number of buildings, killing a colored man and his wife, and injuring others.

Twenty-eight persons at Richmond, Va., are now sick from drinking the water from a well on Main street, and one person has died. The well has been in use for a number of years without any injurious results, and the cause of its present poisonous condition is a mystery. The physicians call the epidemic gastric fever, and believe the well is heavily loaded with organic matter.

Ten arches of the South street bridge across the Schuylkill river at Philadelphia fell Sunday morning, completely wrecking 300 ft. of the bridge. The portion which gave way rested upon piles in the marsh, and the piling had been gradually sinking. Repairs were in progress at the time, but the workmen escaped. The bridge was of iron and granite, and the damage is about \$100,000.

FIRE.—The office and building of the Times, at Troy, N. Y., were destroyed by fire Sunday. The total loss is about \$200,000.

—There was a \$90,000 fire at Shreveport, La., Sunday night. A fire has been raging for two weeks in the Wadesville mine in Pennsylvania, and it has been found necessary to flood the mine. It will be six months before it can be worked again, and 400 men are out of employment.

Miss Susan Dickie, who has been confined in a lunatic asylum seven years at the instance of her brothers and sisters, was declared of sound mind at New York on Saturday. There was trouble about property.

There was an imposing anti-free trade demonstration at Pittsburg, Penn., last Saturday, the procession containing 15,000 men.

LOCAL BUSINESS NOTICES.

We can assure our readers that the closing out sale at Packard's Palmer Branch is a rare chance to buy clothing, hats and furnishings at your own price. Within 10 days the stock must be sold, as the store is already rented to other parties.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Snow, but no sleighing.
Did you get a valentine?
A happy set—the muzzle-men.
The ice harvest is over hereabouts.
Occasionally a dog goes unmuzzled.
The liquor business is seriously affected by the temperance movement.

Only about an eighth of winter left, and not a sleigh-ride party yet.

The Palmer Dramatic Club will bring out a new drama early next month.

A. J. Northrop bid off the Haynes farm near Four Corners, Monday, for \$4500.

A sleigh-ride party went to Monson, Tuesday evening, to attend the temperance meeting.

Next Friday will be the one hundred and forty-sixth anniversary of the birth of George Washington.

The legislative committee on Charitable institutions visited the State Primary School last Saturday.

There is some talk of an excursion to Springfield to hear Moody, and the Ware people contemplate a like trip.

The Universalists hold a festival and social in Wales Hall, next Wednesday evening. Refreshments will be served in Union Hall.

George W. Randall is fitting up the barn next the Nassawann House stable for a sales stable, and has now gone to Canada to buy horses.

Dr. A. O. Squiers, formerly of Holyoke, has fitted up an office in Thompson's block, and will divide his time between this village and North Wilbraham.

The Boston Duck Cornet Band propose to give a promenade concert in this village, if sufficiently encouraged by their first venture, at the Town House last evening.

Geo. H. Winchester of Worcester was before the District Court Wednesday, charged with embezzlement from Roggie Bros. of Three Rivers, but his case was continued until the 25th.

The ladies of the Thorndike Cong. church hold a festival in their vestry next Tuesday evening, with readings by Miss Marion H. Sterns of Springfield, and concert by Morey Brothers of Wilbraham.

Conductor Cook found it necessary to put on three or four extra cars to bring home the Boston & Albany stockholders Wednesday night from the Hub, and the train reached Palmer about half an hour late.

Coasting parties are being indulged in in this village. Old and young are to be seen like a swift-flying cloud, these bright moonlight evenings, and the fun is kept up in many cases until the small hours of the morning.

The Ladies' Society of the Universalist Church met at the Nassawann House, Wednesday evening, with a social time in the parlors, and dancing in the hall, music being furnished by Pierce's quadrille band from Monson.

The Young People's Society was entertained Thursday evening at the Toekwotton House parlors, the Misses Stimpson of Westfield adding much to the pleasures of the gathering with their selections of vocal and instrumental music.

One of our village milkmen has a customer who tears his quart tickets in two and endeavors, with the aid of his pencil, to pass off the detached half for "1 pint." A. H. thinks it decidedly too thin, and is very much opposed to split tickets.

There will be no preaching in the Methodist church at Four Corners on Sabbath morning. Session of the Sabbath school at 12 m. Presiding Elder Whitaker will preach in the afternoon and hold the fourth quarterly meeting at the close of the service.

When some citizen rises up and carts in a few loads of coal ashes, making a comfortable cross-walk across Main street at the corner of Central, he will receive the benedictions of the whole community, who cannot now make an unmediated connection with the depot.

Real estate transfers recorded: T. D. Potter of Palmer to P. P. Potter of Wilbraham, land and buildings in Palmer, \$2500; E. W. Ladd of Springfield to Patrick Feley of Springfield, land and buildings in Wilbraham, \$575; Loel Stebbins to Ferdinand L. Burley, land in Wales, \$100.

The Boston and Albany Railroad generously provided extra cars to take its stockholders to Boston Wednesday to attend its annual meeting. Of course they all attended the meeting and then did an unusual amount of trading and sight-seeing, and had the privilege of returning free the next day if they did not finish up on Wednesday. With this generous treatment the stock ought to rise.

Out in Weedsport, N. Y., they are paying up church debts by "kissing bees," the ruling quotations being one kiss for ten cents or three for a quarter, with a liberal discount in the case of old maids. Now this is something like, and a great improvement on guess cakes and such wicked devices. Besides, a fellow could make a hearty supper out of these "sweet nothings," without fear of the nightmare supervening. We believe that none of our churches are burdened with debt, but they could doubtless use the money in some other way.

Diphtheria has this week claimed another victim in the person of Billings, only child of Clark Fenton of this town. He had been attending school in Brimfield, where his teachers speak of him as one of the brightest and most faithful scholars of his class. Last week he came home with a quincy sore throat, which rapidly developed into the fatal disease which, on Wednesday, in less than one short week, filled a happy home with mourning. Dr. Holbrook took from his throat a piece of membrane several inches in length, but the case was a peculiarly aggravated one, and medical aid was powerless to save.

Tuesday was the 10th anniversary of Rev. Mr. Fuller's installation over the Second Congregational church, and the usual prayer meeting that evening was unusually large and interesting. At its close the good brothers and sisters quietly departed, but not to their several homes. Complete was the surprise of the pastor soon after, to find an "overflow meeting" in full progress at the parsonage, a large number of his parishioners being present in the best of spirits. Supr. Bondford, with his magic whistle, brought order out of the babel of tongues, and Mrs. Coleman read an original retrospective poem, to which Mr. Fullerton responded. The feast of reason and the flow of soul was stimulated by the good things which the visitors had brought with them after the fashion of the old-time donation parties. Over \$40 in Un-

cle Sam's "promises to pay," beside valuable gifts of silver, etc., were left behind when the company went their way.

Judge Shurtliff held a session of Probate Court in this village Wednesday, at which the following business was transacted: Administrations granted on the estate of Elizabeth T. Bowles of Springfield, Stephen W. Bowles administrator; Asahel Bennett of Brimfield, Caroline Bennett administratrix; wills proved of Joshua O. Luther of Springfield, Samuel Bowles, late of Brimfield, and Charles Allen executors. Alvan Smith of Monson was appointed Guardian of Mary Emma Homer of Brimfield. Inventories were filed on the estates of Royal Buffington of Palmer, and Asahel C. Bennett of Brimfield. Accounts were rendered on the estates of Dennis Scannell of Monson, William Ball of Springfield, and Bridget Lane of Monson; also by Henry S. Ward, guardian of Josephine Smith of Monson. License was granted to sell real estate of Whitney E. and Arthur E. Bates of Monson, and of the late Samuel B. Gould of Monson.

THE TEMPERANCE REVIVAL.

Never before in the history of our town has there been so widespread an interest in the subject of temperance as has been developed by the recent meetings in this village, and the wisdom of the action suggested by the John Robinson in securing the services of Eccles Robinson at these meetings has been abundantly attested. Wales Hall was filled at the Saturday, Sunday and Monday meetings, which were conducted by Mr. Robinson, assisted by Edward Foot of Springfield, and the greatest interest was manifested. There was some misunderstanding about the Sunday afternoon meeting, Mr. Robinson having promised to be at Monson at that time, but he was present in the evening, and about 200 names were secured to the pledge, and up to the present time nearly 500 have joined the blue ribbon brigade, including a good many who have been on the downward road. Mr. Robinson spoke for the last time Monday evening, and the Thursday evening meeting was conducted by home talent entirely, excepting a well-rendered reading by Mrs. Sanborn of Springfield, but the fact was demonstrated that we have some pretty good speakers, and the large audience manifested their appreciation of the addresses by hearty applause.

The next meeting will be held next Thursday night, and it is expected that Dennis McCarty of Williamstown will be present and speak. Universal regret has been expressed that Mr. Robinson could not remain here longer, there being a general feeling that he is just the man to carry on the work to its full fruition. But he has expressed a readiness to return after his other engagements are fulfilled, and he will probably be engaged for a week's work here shortly. In the meantime meetings will be held occasionally, and there will be opportunity for a good deal of private work in disseminating the temperance lesson. Let every one take hold with a will, and great results may be confidently expected.

LUDLOW.

Mrs. Melibeth Kendall has sued the estate of Philo A. Harris for \$448, for an unpaid board bill.

BONDVILLE.

Mrs. Lizzie M. Lamb has just finished a bed-quilt containing 1440 pieces, no two of which are alike.

BELCHERTOWN.

There will be a union temperance meeting Monday evening, with addresses by local speakers.

Prof. Mather of Amherst college lectured on "A Sabbath in Russia" at the Congregational church last evening.

THREE RIVERS.

A Father Matthew temperance society has been organized.

The Baptists will have a festival next Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

A committee has been appointed to make arrangements for a series of Murphy temperance meetings.

WARREN.

Joyce's bakery and dwelling house are to be sold at auction to-day.

The annual fair of the Grand Army comes next Tuesday.

William Combes and J. B. Sibley have been appointed to kill unmuzzled dogs.

This village still cherishes hopes of a new town hall, for which plans are exhibited in the post office.

Next Monday evening Prof. Pratt of Williams College is expected to give a free lecture upon village improvement.

ENFIELD.

Mrs. Martha Howe lost a valuable cow recently by choking.

The dramatic club gave a good entertainment last week Thursday evening.

Whooping cough is still prevalent.

The ice houses are about full of ice 15 inches thick.

The dog-muzzling order has expired, and canine jaws are now free again.

There was a special town meeting yesterday to consider Warner Hanks's suit for damages on the highway.

Wood's new block is nearly done. Three of the stores will be occupied respectively by Mrs. Tucker's millinery, Isaac Bester's fruit store, and a druggist.

WILBRAHAM.

The lecture room is being freed.

There was a lecture Tuesday eve by Dr. Daniels, in Fisk hall.

The exhibition by the young people has been deferred until next Wednesday.

The street was lighted enough to cast a shadow last Friday night, by the fire in South Wilbraham.

Services were held Sunday in the lecture room of the new church. By way of a surprise, an Estey organ had been quietly put in to the church the night before. It was a present to the Sunday school from Dea. Horace Clark. The pulpit was given by the children.

The chandeliers for the lecture room, which came this week, are given by the young people. The bell arrived this week. It is given by Ethan C. Ely of Longmeadow in memory of that branch of the Ely family which originated in Longmeadow.

WALES.

The dogs are ordered muzzled or confined until May 1.

and the exhibition was witnessed by a large part of the population, and it gave great satisfaction to all.

The Sanhedrim met according to announcement on the 5th inst. and the Scribes and Pharisees were present in full canonicals, making broad their phylacteries, and enlarging the hems of their garments, out-Heroding Herod in their judgment upon the meek and lowly pastor who has been preaching and saying, "Repent ye, for the kingdom of Heaven is at hand," in the ears of these self-righteous Christians who stand afar off, and looking up to Heaven, and snuifing their breasts, thank God they are not as other men are. The meeting was a lively episode in the annals of Brimfield, although the spasmodic church quorals have occasional returns at stated periods, say four in the last seventeen years, and the end is not yet. The proceedings in council were of an extraordinary character, such as your correspondent does not care to feast the public eye and ear upon; but suffice it to say that the whole appears disgraceful, and as is sometimes said, looks like a put-up job to detract from the character and standing of one of the most charitable of Christian ministers, and admit, even his most bitter detractors, that he is a gentleman of the highest honor, and a good Christian man and neighbor; but all they can say is that they do not like his preaching.

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MONSON.

The Harmony Society will hold a regular rehearsal next Tuesday evening. All singers are invited.

Many papers say silver is worth only 90 or 92 cents, and one of our citizens says it may be true what the papers say, but he would like to buy silver at those rates if he knew where to buy it. Can any of the anti-silver men tell where the little thing can be done? New York and Boston brokers ask 99 to 99 1/2.

The Murphy temperance movement so auspiciously begun on Sunday last, has gradually increased so that there are now nearly 700 names to the pledge. The appearance of Eccles Robinson and E. Foot Sabbath afternoon was greeted with a hall full of overflows, and resulted in the signing of about 200 pledges. On Monday evening the home talent carried on the meeting with a result of 150 names. On Tuesday evening Messrs. Robinson and Foot again addressed a crowded house, and on Wednesday evening Mr. Crook, president of the reform club in Springfield, had a full house, with a goodly number of signers. It is estimated that fully 1000 persons will sign before the campaign is over. Daniel Foskit and his son Josiah both signed on Wednesday, and many who have heretofore quietly and shyly, as well as openly taken "biters" and "sinful" strengthenings, have joined the blue ribbon brigade. There will be some organized plan made for the work hereafter, to keep up the courage of those liable to fall and secure others who ought to come into the fold. "With malice toward none and charity for all," the work progresses much more favorably than the heretofore blame and curses heaped on the seller and buyer. It is the Gospel of Love that wins in the fight—the lifting the weak by the strong and the desire to "go about doing good" that is manifested, which brings victory to workers in the cause and to the victims of the depraved appetite.

SOUTH WILBRAHAM.

Geo. A. Mills was hurt seriously the other day in falling or stepping from a load of wood, breaking or splitting the bone.

The selectmen have appointed two special police in each school district to enforce the law in regard to killing dogs.

Geo. J. Allen sprained his ankle while walking in Monson a few days since. He is unable to be about, and the best-looking characters are inquiring for his next cart.

The ladies connected with the Cong. society gave an oyster supper Wednesday evening at Mortimer Pease's, which was a success. Some seventy-five participated and took supper.

The Murphy temperance reformation started in this village Thursday evening last week. Capt. Crook, Lieut. Bailey and Corporal Converse from Springfield held forth at Academy Hall to a full house, and quite a goodly number signed the pledge and donned the blue ribbon. Dea. Sessions took exceptions to a story told by Capt. Crook of a certain deacon, and "spoke out in meeting" and cheered considerably "toward the left," but upon being informed that the remarks did not apply to the present company, he put on his usual smiling countenance, signed the pledge and took the blue ribbon.

The fire in this village last week Friday evening which burned the Ravine mill is a heavy blow to the business of the place. The mill was built some dozen years ago by L. E. Sage at an expense of more than \$60,000, was the best built mill in the place, and is the best privilege on the Seaboard. Only a few hands were in the mill at the time of the fire, it being about 7 1/2 o'clock. There was a small kerosene lamp without a chimney under one of the eaves, and in some way the cotton waste came in contact with the lamp and the flames spread so rapidly it was impossible to save the mill or get anything therefrom. The mill and machinery were purchased by the present company at auction some two months since for \$15,100. The mill when burned was insured for \$13,000 and the stock \$4000, which it is supposed will cover the loss on stock.

The large boarding house, a few rods from the mill, was saved by extra exertions. There is now left to encourage to rebuild, the privilege, a substantial stone dam, smoke-stack, boiler unharmed, the foundation mostly unharmed, and three dwellings with their real estate attached thereto. It is said there is a possibility, if not a probability, that the company will commence rebuilding immediately.

There is some wonder why the large and powerful steam pump could not be used at the time.

WEST WARREN.

The sale of Alvah H. Foskit's farm has been postponed.

The knot of blue ribbon is the all-important article of dress at present.

The ice houses are filled and there is a feeling of relief among those interested.

R. M. Byram of the State chapel Sunday evening.

The ladies of the Cong. society held a social at Mrs. C. L. Carter's Wednesday evening.

Rev. Mr. White of the Thorndike Cong. church and Rev. J. S. Barrows of the Methodist church here, exchanged pulpits last Sunday.

The large and only chandelier in the Cong. chapel fell down last Sunday afternoon by the breaking of a chain, but the damage was slight.

The alarm Sunday morning called out the firemen for the first time since J. B. Lombard & Son's store was burned, just a year previous.

Constable John B. Sibley has been appointed to enforce the dog ordinance in this village, and he has commenced the slaughter of the unmuzzled.

The Methodists postponed their oyster supper to be held in Crossman's hall Wednesday evening because of the absorbing interest in temperance reform.

Mr. Charles B. Elwell was presented with an infant child Wednesday evening about 7 o'clock. It was found on the door step and the donor is unknown. Selectman Hall took charge of the child.

A barn on the Brimfield road owned by

Thomas Sullivan was burned by a supposed incendiary fire at 5 o'clock Sunday morning, including a cow, a young heifer and considerable hay. The loss is about \$300; insured.

There is an unprecedented interest in the temperance question in this village, to the surprise of every one. The indefatigable Methodists invited the Congregationalists to unite in the work, but have proceeding alone with them in reply, they have been blessed with success, holding meetings every evening this week in Crossman's hall, which was filled to overflowing each night. Mrs. J. S. Barrows of Brookfield spoke Monday night, Wm. B. Crook, president of the Springfield reform club, on Tuesday evening, and M. L. Stebbins, also of Springfield, spoke Wednesday night. The largest number of signatures at one time was Tuesday night, when 109 signed the pledge. The Catholic society, also deeply interested, had a lecture in their church Thursday evening, by Rev. Mr. Rogers of Brighton, to which the Methodists repaired after a short meeting in the hall.

WARE AND VICINITY.

David Gould has bought 13 acres of land from L. Hilton & Co. for \$400.

The library of the Young Men's Library Association now numbers over 3000 volumes.

The Oregon fire company propose holding a calico ball at Music Hall March 14th. May success attend them.

Joseph Smith of Nottingham, England, gave a lecture on "Wesleyan Methodism," at Trinity Hall, Wednesday evening.

All persons having bills or claims against the town are expected to present them to the selectmen for settlement previous to March 1.

J. R. Lawton, the gentlemanly clothier of this town, will open a clothing store at Palmer March 1st, with Frank W. Lawton as salesman.

E. H. Baker, auditor of the Otis company, who has been acting as agent of the mills in this place and Three Rivers since the death of Mr. Bond, will take the position permanently. He has given up his residence at Boston and taken Mr. Bond's former house in this place.

FACTS, FASHIONS AND FOIBLES.

—Hartford has 9661 school children.

—Fashionable—Writing visiting cards.

—Moody denounces "chairs of ungodly people."

—Mattapoisett feels tremors with mud and milk.

—The river Thames used to be called "the Cockney."

—Nibbling hickory nuts will fatten the most cadaverous.

—The Brooklyn Theatre ruins yet stand, naked and grim.

—Pretty now flower garnitures are studded with artificial dew.

—Gloves were introduced into England in the tenth century.

—A good crop of ice will be secured on the Hudson this season.

—Illinois's last corn crop is set down at almost 270,000 bushels.

—It is a fact that 243 English persons went mad from love last year.

—Socks squares of bread in tomato sauce and fry. Serve with cold fowl.

—Fry your cold meat with onions and gravy, and put in a little vinegar.

—Phillips Academy in Andover will celebrate its centennial June 5 and 6.

—Florida tearfully remarks that she has raised an onion weighing 4 pounds 7 ounces.

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Read Leavitt, Gillespie & Gilmore's adv.

C. M. Clapp, the popular shoe dealer at 312 Main street, Springfield, buys direct of the manufacturers. Many years' experience enables him to sell a little below other dealers. A liberal discount given to out of town buyers.

AS A RELIABLE REMEDY for Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, or any Affection of the Throat and Chest, use, according to directions given on each bottle, *Madame Zudac's Cough Balsam*. It is always reliable, and the possession of a single bottle may, in a case of sudden attack, prove to be worth fifty times its cost. Sold by Druggists everywhere.

Before life is imperilled, deal judiciously with the symptoms. Remember that the slightest disorder of to-day may become an obstinate, incurable disease to-morrow. As a preventive medicine take *Simmons' Liver Regulator*, which, by its mild and beneficial action on the liver, stomach and spleen, is eminently calculated to assist nature in her efforts to re-establish a healthy condition. It will also remove the cause of disease without any of the injurious effects of mineral poisons.

A Gentle Hint.
In our style of climate, with its sudden changes of temperature, - rain, wind and sunshine often intermingled in a single day, - it is no wonder that our children, friends and relatives are so frequently taken from us by neglected colds, half the death resulting directly from this cause. A bottle of *Bosch's German Syrup* kept about your home for immediate use will prevent serious sickness, a large doctor's bill, and perhaps death, by the use of three or four doses. For curing Croup, Consumption, Hemorrhages, Pneumonia, Severe Coughs, Croup, or any disease of the Throat or Lungs, its success is simply wonderful, as your druggist will tell you. *German Syrup* is now sold in every town and village on this continent. Sample bottles for trial, 10c; regular size, 75c. *cow45*

D. H. Brigham & Co., the Springfield clothiers, wish to announce to all this section of New England that the continued open winter has left them with an immense overstock of heavy winter goods, amounting to about one hundred thousand dollars. They have decided to put the stock on sale at their store (which is the largest of the kind in New England), and in addition they have this week bought two other entire stocks of clothing, hats, caps and gentlemen's furnishing goods amounting to nearly one hundred thousand dollars, at less than half the cost, which will be added to the Springfield stock as fast as they can make room for it. The three stocks combined and the nature of the sale will make this the most attractive transaction that has ever occurred in this section in the way of a retail sale. Everything in this mammoth stock is marked in plain figures, some of it less than one-quarter of the cost, and an auction sale on Saturday, February 10th, at 12 o'clock, noon, to continue through the afternoon and evening, at which the entire stock of buffalo and fancy robes, carriage, lay and horse blankets, ladies' and children's furs and cloaks will be offered for sale. This is the only large, new and clean stock of the above goods in Western Massachusetts. This sale is pre-emptory, and will be made for net cash and cash only.

O. H. Lawrence, of the hardware house of A. B. Lawrence & Co., Fitchburg, and cashier of the Northboro National Bank, has been unanimously elected to the presidency of the Wachusett National Bank of Fitchburg, and will assume its management Apr. 1st. The bank has a paid up capital of \$250,000. But few young men of the present day of the age of Mr. Lawrence are elected to a position of so high a trust and to assume such a high responsibility.

James R. Osgood & Co. and Hurd & Houghton, the well known publishing houses at Boston, have united under the firm name of Houghton, Osgood & Co.

A Touching Death-Defying Scene.
"Oh, if I had only received it before I am contented if I would have cured me." These impressive words were spoken by a gentleman in the last stages of Consumption, who, on his death-bed, had received a bottle of *HALL'S HONEY OF HOREHOUND AND TAR*, and had only taken a part of it, when he found he could breathe with almost perfect ease; his cough had left him, but not having commenced the article in time, his constitution was broken, and he had not sufficient strength left to overcome the disease. Therefore, the public will see the necessity of keeping this article constantly in the house, ready for immediate use, as it is a certain cure for all Coughs, Colds, Hoarseness, Difficult Breathing, and all Affections of the Throat, Bronchial Tubes and Lungs, leading to Consumption. Sold by all druggists, and at *REYNOLDS' Central Medicine Warehouse*, 7 Sixth Avenue, New York City, at 50 cents each \$1. Great saving by purchasing large sizes in one minute.

PIKE'S TONIC cures Dyspepsia in one minute. If ladies would consult appearances, they would never use any other than *PIKE'S TONIC* SOUP, which stimulates the healthy action of the skin without irritating it, and improves the complexion, checks that no known cosmetic can imitate. Since its adoption there is a marked improvement in the complexion of young ladies who had indulged in the greasy and irritating cosmetics of the past. The checks had been supplanted by the *PIKE'S TONIC*. Give it a trial. Sold by druggists. Price 25c. per cake. 1 box (3 cakes) 75c. and by mail, on receipt of price. C. N. CRITTENDEN, Proprietor, 7 Sixth Avenue, New York.

HILL'S HAIR AND WHISKER DYE, Black or Brown, 50 cents. *4w47*

Dr. Shiloh's System Vitalizer.
We are authorized to guarantee this remedy for the cure of Dyspepsia, Inactive Liver, Sour Stomach, Constipation, Loss of Appetite, Coming up of food, Yellow Skin and General Languor and Debility. You must acknowledge that this would be ruinous unless we had positive evidence it will cure. You who are suffering from these complaints these words are addressed - and will you continue to suffer when you can be cured on such terms? - It is for you to determine. Sample bottle 10c; regular size 75c. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

50,000 die annually by neglecting a Cough, Cold or Croup, often leading to Consumption and the grave. Why will you neglect so important a matter when you can get at our store *SHILOH'S CONSUMPTION CURE*, with the assurance of a speedy recovery. For Soreness across the Chest or Lungs or Lane Back or Side, *SHILOH'S POROUS PLASTER* gives prompt relief. Sold by G. H. APPLETON.

HACKBETACK, a popular and fragrant perfume. Sold by G. H. APPLETON, Palmer, Mass. Elsewhere by dealers generally. *cow17*

A Valuable Medicine.
The reports from all parts of the country confirm the statements that *Dr. Gage's* great vegetable remedy called *"MEDICAL WOODEN"* is having an immense sale by all druggists. The proprietors do not expect enormous sums for flaring advertisements, but prefer to let the medicine advertise itself by sending to druggists throughout the country, sample bottles, for trial, at a cost of many thousands of dollars per year, that invalids may test its merits before purchasing a large size. No person suffering with dyspepsia, indigestion, liver or kidney complaints, sour stomach, sick headache, habitual constipation, scrofulous humors, spinal diseases, weakness of male or female, or general nervous prostration of either sex, can take this remarkable medicine without seeing its good effects. Go to your druggist and get a sample bottle for 15 cents, and try it, or a large size for \$1.00. It has cured where all other remedies had failed. Sold by *Palmer* by G. H. APPLETON. *cow21*

BORN.
At Ware, 10th, a son to HUGH H. KENNEDY.

MARRIED.
At Palmer, 29th ult, by Rev. B. M. Fullerton, FRANK DENNIS of Pomfret, Ct., and DEILAH M. ENGLISH.
At Palmer, 9th, by Rev. C. H. Eaton, W. A. WELCH and E. T. HOWARD, all of Palmer.

DIED.
At Palmer, 12th, of diphtheria, BILLINGS, 16, son of Clark Fenton. Funeral at the house to-day (Saturday) at 10 o'clock a. m.
At Ware, 12th, ELLEN, 30, wife of A. D. Blackmer; 1 th, JOHN CARTER, 70.
At West Warren, 10th, at the residence of his son, Henry W. Wood, GORDON H. WOOD, 77.
At Barre, 4th, PHIBBS, 77, widow of Oliver Barrett.
At Springfield, 5th, Miss MARIA ROCKWOOD, 79, formerly of Monson.
At Springfield, 5th, CLARENCE H. BORTH, 23; 10th, Mrs. LUCY C. WILBES, 70.
At Southbridge, 4th, Dea. MARTIN CHENEY, 76, a prominent citizen.

TO LET - A very desirable Farm, with tenement, situated on the road to Three Rivers, a mile from Palmer village. Apply to Mrs. L. S. BURLEIGH, At Brimfield village, or of Mr. Jas. W. Calkins, living near the place. *4w47*

\$5.00 REWARD! AND NO QUESTIONS ASKED!
LOST, ON MONDAY, JAN. 21st, between A. H. Willis' store and N. L. N. R. depot, a Lady's Russia Leather Pocket Book, containing a small sum of money and
A SILVER DOLLAR, valued as a keepsake. The above reward will be paid for the return of the silver dollar and the pocket book to the JOURNAL Office, and no questions asked. *2w45*

REMOVAL!
We are to remove to 350 Main street March 1st, and we have on hand a large variety of \$1.00 goods, which we have marked down to cost and below, many of them to 50 cents. We wish to reduce stock as much as possible before moving.
READ THIS LIST.
BLACK WALNUT TABLES, BRACKETS, TOWEL RACKS, WALL POCKETS, Picture Frames, Book Shelves, China, Lava and Parian Wares, Books, Albums, Backgammon Boards, Games, Saucers, Cigar Cases, and Portfolios. Also,
200 Volumes of SECOND-HAND BOOKS AT 25 CENTS EACH.
GOOD BOOKS FOR HOME READING.
Our customers know that this reduction is positive, and we hope they will tell all their friends that this is a fine opportunity to get articles of use and ornament for the home at less than cost.
Remember, 1st of March we shall be in our new store.
LEAVITT, GILLESPIE & GILMORE, 422 Main St., Springfield, Mass. *4w47*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS - HAMPSHIRE SS. PROBATE COURT.
To all persons interested in the estate of Dennis Scamell, late of Monson, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, Joshua Tracy, Administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed. And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the *Palmer Journal*, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.
SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. *3w47*

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS - HAMPSHIRE SS. PROBATE COURT.
To the heirs-at-law, and others interested in the estate of Royal Huntington, late of Palmer, in said county, deceased, Greeting:
Whereas, Henry C. Davis, administrator of the estate of said deceased, has presented for allowance the first and final account of his administration upon the estate of said deceased:
You are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said county, on the first Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any you have, why the said account should not be allowed. And said administrator is ordered to serve this citation by publishing the same once a week, in the *Palmer Journal*, a newspaper printed at Palmer, three weeks successively, the last publication to be two days at least before said court.
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TO THE HONORABLE THE JUDGE OF THE PROBATE COURT IN AND FOR THE COUNTY OF HAMPSHIRE: Respectfully represents Julia E. Fairbanks of Sturges, in the county of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, that she is interested in a certain tract of real estate lying in this State, in Palmer, in said county of Hampshire, claiming to hold as a tenant in common to the said third part or shares, which she wishes to hold in severalty. Said real estate is situated in the village of Three Rivers, in said town of Palmer, and is bounded southerly by land of Ellen Sullivan and one Cooley, southerly by land of D. M. Chapman, northwesterly by land of Donahue and on highway, being the track of land set off by Harriet Shearer and Frances Shearer by deed, to divide the estate of David Shearer, reserving, however, all land heretofore conveyed by them; that the names and residences of all the parties now interested and their respective shares and proportions thereof are as follows, and are not in dispute nor uncertain: Charles L. Gardner of said Palmer one-third part.
Wherefore your petitioner prays that partition may be made of all the real estate aforesaid, according to law.
Dated this first day of January, A. D. 1878.
JULIA E. FAIRBANKS.
By S. C. TAPPAN, her Atty.

COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS - HAMPSHIRE SS. PROBATE COURT.
All parties interested in the foregoing petition are hereby cited to appear at a Probate Court, to be held at Springfield, in said county of Hampshire, on the first Tuesday of March next, at nine o'clock in the forenoon, to show cause, if any they have, against the same. And said petitioner is ordered to deliver a copy of said petition and this order to each person interested who can be found within the State, fourteen days at least before said court, and if any one cannot be found, by also publishing the same in the *Palmer Journal*, a newspaper printed at said Palmer, once in each week for three weeks at least before said court.
Witness, William S. Shurtleff, Esquire, Judge of said Court, this twelfth day of February, in the year one thousand eight hundred and seventy-eight.
SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. *3w47*

DR. C. T. STOCKWELL, Dentist, Office
37, Main street, Shaw's Block, Springfield, Mass. Residence, Chicopee Falls. *1y48*

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- IS -
A Medicine for all Seasons!
And should be in every house. It is a sure ANTIDOTE FOR
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Be sure and try the
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A magnificent Double Reed 8 Stop Organ. Elegant Black Walnut Case, Fanny's, and Solid Tone and Finish. CELEBRATED MAKER!
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Cash, or on Easy Monthly Payments.
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SAMUEL B. SPOONER, Register. *3w47*

WILCOX'S PHOTOGRAPH CAR
Will remain in Thorndike a few days longer, and then remove to Three Rivers. *2w46*

FOR SALE AT AUCTION!
The undersigned will sell at public auction, on MONDAY, the 25th, at 1 o'clock p. m., of said county of Hampshire, in the town of Thorndike village. The house has seven large rooms, two bed-rooms, a bath, and a kitchen, and two outbuildings, with nearly one acre of land, situated on the corner of School street and the old county road. The two best building lots in the village.
For terms apply to E. B. GATES, Thorndike.
E. B. GATES, Executor. *3w46*

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.
To Francis L. Coburn, mortgagee and supposed owner of the equity of redemption of, and to all others interested in the real estate herein described, notice:
By virtue of the power of sale and of attorney contained in the mortgage deed given by Francis L. Coburn, then of Ware and now of Springfield, in the County of Hampshire, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established in Palmer, in the county and commonwealth aforesaid, dated August 31st, A. D. 1872, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said county of Hampshire, in Book 26, Page 528, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, a default having been made in the performance thereof, will be sold by the said Palmer Savings Bank at public auction, on the premises described below, on the fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1878, at two o'clock P. M., the real estate described in said mortgage as follows: To wit: A certain lot of land situated in said Ware and bounded and described as follows, to wit: Northerly partly on lands formerly owned by William Jones, and partly on lands now or formerly owned by William Nelson, easterly on lands of Lyman Spelman, southerly on lands of William Nelson, which were formerly owned by said Jones and Nelson, and lying between said Nelson in part and partly on lands formerly owned by Joseph C. Boyce and Zeno Farrington, containing one hundred and twenty (20) rods, more or less, and bounded by the line of said Nelson in part and partly on lands of said Nelson by deed dated May 13th, A. D. 1870, and recorded with Hampshire Registry of Deeds, Book 27, Page 10, to which reference is hereby made, the said premises being subject to all unpaid taxes, liens or assessments thereon, and the successful bidder at the sale will be required to deposit with the auctioneer fifty dollars, as security for fulfillment of contract of purchase - other terms made known at time and place of sale.

THE PALMER SAVINGS BANK.
BY WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
Palmer, Feb. 28th, 1878. *3w46*

MORTGAGEE'S SALE OF REAL ESTATE AT AUCTION.
To Charles Sherman, mortgagee, and supposed owner of the equity of redemption of, and to all others interested in the real estate herein described, notice:
By virtue of the power of sale and of attorney contained in the mortgage deed given by Charles Sherman of Palmer, in the County of Hampshire, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, to the Palmer Savings Bank, a corporation established in Palmer, in the county of Hampshire, in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, dated June 1st, A. D. 1878, and recorded in the Registry of Deeds for said county of Hampshire, in Book 30, Page 220, for a breach of the conditions of said mortgage, a default having been made in the performance thereof, will be sold by the said Palmer Savings Bank at public auction, on the premises described below, on the fifteenth day of March, A. D. 1878, at two o'clock P. M., the real estate described in said mortgage as follows: A certain tract or parcel of land situated in the town of Palmer, in said county of Hampshire, and bounded by the line of said Sherman in part and partly on lands of Richard Thomas, thence running on the line of said Thomas about thirty (30) rods to the highway, thence across the highway to and following the line of the late Dr. Aaron King and the highway, thence easterly on highway last mentioned to lands of A. P. Kendall, thence northerly by line of said Kendall's land to lands of Elias Paul, thence on said Paul's line and line of Patrick Casey to line of D. A. Calkins, thence following said Calkins' land south about sixty (60) rods to a stake and stones, thence west on said Calkins' line about twenty (20) rods to first named highway, thence crossing said highway, thence westerly by said highway about thirty (30) rods to the highway that leads from Palmer Center to Blanchardville, thence on last named highway about one hundred (100) rods to lands of P. Kendall, thence following said Kendall's line to the first mentioned parcel, containing one hundred and twenty (20) acres of land, more or less, and bounded north by the road leading from the premises above described to the house of Michael J. Kennedy, south-southwesterly by lands of Aaron King, and with all the privileges and appurtenances thereto belonging, being all the same premises described in said mortgage. The said premises will be sold subject to all unpaid taxes, liens and assessments thereon, and the successful bidder at the sale will be required to deposit with the auctioneer, at time of sale, the sum of one hundred dollars, as security for performance of contract of purchase. Other terms made known at time and place of sale.

THE PALMER SAVINGS BANK.
BY WILLIAM A. LINCOLN, Treasurer.
Palmer, Mass., Feb. 5th, A. D. 1878. *3w46*

GOOD BOARD AND ROOMS for four or five gentlemen, corner of Pleasant and Church streets. Inquire of M. FOX for further information. R. A. BRAYARD. *3w46*

Nothing Short of Unmistakable Benefits conferred upon tens of thousands of sufferers could originate and maintain the reputation which AYER'S SASSAPARILLA enjoys. It is a compound of the best vegetable alternatives, with the Iodides of Potassium and Iron, and is the most effectual of all remedies for scrofulous, mercurial or blood disorders. Uniformly successful and certain in its remedial effects, it produces rapid and complete cures of Scrofula, Sores, Boils, Humors, Pimples, Eruptions, Skin Diseases and all disorders arising from impurity of the Blood. By its invigorating effects it always relieves and often cures Liver Complaints, Female Weaknesses and Irregularities, and is a potent renewer of vitality. For purifying the blood it has no equal; it tones up the system, restores and preserves the health, and imparts vigor and energy. For forty years it has been in extensive use, and is to-day the most available medicine for the suffering sick, everywhere.
FOR SALE BY ALL DEALERS. *42*

WOOD LOTS CONTAINING SLEEPERS and LUMBER,
FOR SALE AT AUCTION!
The wood lot on J. A. ELLIOT'S farm in Brimfield will be divided into six lots and sold either separately, or all together, to the parties that will give the most.
On MONDAY, MARCH 4, at 11 o'clock a. m., if that day is pleasant and not very cold. The sale will take place on the lot, and if it is unpleasant or very cold or deep snow, the sale will be put over until the first pleasant Monday after. This notice will be given in the *Palmer Journal* from week to week until the sale. Credit will be given if wanted. A GOOD CHANCE FOR ALL. Mr. Butler told me that the railroad company is going to buy Sleepers every year, and the prospect is that they will buy a great many.

J. A. ELLIOT.
PHILINDA ELLIOT. *4w46*

MUTUAL FIRE INSURANCE COMPANY,
SPRINGFIELD, MASS.
Insures Dwelling House Property Only.
COSTS \$3.18 PER \$1000 FOR 5 YEARS.
CASH ASSETS - MARKET VALUE \$100,000.
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Dividends for 50 YEARS average 75 per cent.
NEVER MADE AN ASSESSMENT.
\$316 FOR EVERY \$100 LIABILITY.
Insures no Business Blocks, Stocks of Goods, nor Public Buildings.
Address, F. R. YOUNG, Secretary. *6m37*

CALL FOR BONDS!
5-208 of '65, COUPON, JAN. and JULY.
All \$50 Bonds to No. 50,000
All \$100 Bonds to No. 55,000
All \$500 Bonds to No. 60,000
All \$1000 Bonds to No. 100,000
Will parties holding T. S. 5-20 Bonds of '65 of the following denominations and numbers, please call at Palmer National Bank, as the bank holds the corresponding coupons, which are necessary when the bond is redeemed:
\$50 Bond No. 23,070.
\$50 Bond Nos. 2,762, 2,763, and 73,060.
\$500 Bond No. 55,570.
Parties holding called bonds can have them collected by leaving them at the
PALMER NATIONAL BANK.

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-LIGHT RUNNING-
DOMESTIC AND REMINGTON
SEWING MACHINES!
For sale or to rent. Also, Oil, Needles and At-
tachments for all Sewing Machines, at 63 Main St.,
Common Block, Palmer, Mass.
L. W. JOHNSON, Agt. *431f*

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With one accord, one heart and voice,
Conspire to save our brother man.
Of comforts many a home shall know,
That hitherto have been unfelt,
And plenty, empty farmers' dill,
Where misery and want have dwelt.
And saddened hearts shall leap for joy,
And mothers, wives and children sing,
And through our country's length and breadth
Shall glorious hallelujahs ring.
Palmer, Feb. 1st. S. W. C.

EVENINGS AT THE WHITE HOUSE.
The President and family receive informally in the evening, sometimes in the Red Room and sometimes in the Library. These visits, however, are only made by intimate personal friends, or by those warranted through their acquaintance to call in a social manner. The evenings in the Library are very charming. Brilliant and cultivated men and women gather in little knots in different parts of the spacious and cheerful apartment, and wit sparkles and anecdote enlivens conversation. The President frequently disappears; he has a private library, where he retires when any gentleman present wishes to speak with him on matters of policy or politics; but he soon returns, to all appearances as untroubled as if the great sea of public opinion had settled into a perfect calm. Mrs. Hayes entertains her visitors in an easy, courteous, cordial manner, moving among them with stately grace, and scattering pleasant words. Great gentleness and sweetness pervade the whole domestic life of the President's family. Little Fannie, the only daughter, a bright child of nine years, the pet and favorite of all who know her, is never visible at dinner or to evening visitors. "I am obliged to compromise with my little lady," remarked Mrs. Hayes, with a smile, "as I found her growing old too fast for her years; we serve her dinner in her room, which she esteems a high compliment." The private dining-room of the President's family is the only one of their private apartments which is on the great main floor of the White House. The meals are breakfast, lunch, and dinner, instead of breakfast, dinner, and tea, as in the time of Madison. No unusual forms and ceremonies are observed in the service further than those at any gentleman's table. The hospitalities of either lunch or dinner are frankly tendered to any familiar guest who may chance to be calling at the specified hour, and not infrequently accepted.—*Martha J. Lamb, in Harper's for March.*

CONCERNING HOUSEKEEPERS.
There is an old saying that poets are born, not made, and we believe the same is true of housekeepers. Some women fit into the position perfectly. They assume the directorship of the household so quietly, and rule it so easily that we quite forget the labor in the results, or perhaps imagine there is no labor at all. We all look on admiringly when we get a glimpse of such a household, or of such a presiding genius, and wonder why we cannot do as well. For we are not all born housekeepers, and to some of us the post brings care, vexation, and weariness of soul and body. But let us console ourselves if we fail, or correct our pride if we succeed, by remembering that to be a perfect housekeeper demands nearly all the known virtues and qualities. One must be wise, dignified, prudent, firm, methodical, skillful, cheerful, and gentle; possessing also tact, courage in emergencies, inventive faculty and teachableness. There is that is not enough to make a perfect woman, what more would you have? Yet there are many women among us who are scarcely known outside of their family circle, who have never written a line or painted a picture, who have never been directors of a hospital or managers of a charity, but who are entitled to claim all the just mentioned attributes for their own. And they go on quietly from day to day, never knowing their worth, content with scant praise or none at all, well satisfied if only they can harmonize their cares and duties, and thus avoid friction! These are domestic heroines, whose praises should be sung appropriately. Their less gifted sisters should crown them with garlands, while they sit at their feet and strive to learn something of their ways. And their husbands and children should count themselves especially blessed that the guiding spirits of their homes are so near perfection.—*Christian Intelligencer.*

"What's the difference," asked the teacher in arithmetic, "between one yard and two yards?" "A fence," said Tommy Deales. Then Tommy sat on the ruler fourteen times.
"Johnny, what does your mother keep a cat for?" "To lay kittens," was the unexpected reply. The questions for that session came to an abrupt end.
Professor—"Is the intensity of gravity greater at the poles or at the equator?" Sophomore—"Yes, sir!" Prof—"Which?" Soph—"It's greater."
The wife of a French laborer in the village of St. Benart, Canada, is reported to have given birth to a pair of children united like the Siamese twins.
[Said a lady to the famous actor, Garrick, "I wish you were taller." "Madam," replied the wit, "how happy I should be to stand higher in your estimation!"
You may gather a rich harvest of knowledge by reading; but thought is the winnowing machine.

AN AGREEABLE GUEST.
Mr. Watts visited Lord Alney's, intending to stay a fortnight, and stayed forty years, at the request of the family, who found him such an agreeable guest that they would not let him depart. A writer in St. Nicholas offers these suggestions to visitors who remain guests for a few days or weeks:
Unless you have some good reason for not doing so, let your friends know the day, and, if possible, the hour, when you expect to arrive. Surprises are very well in their way, but there are few households in which it is quite convenient to have a friend drop in without warning for a protracted visit.
Let your friends know, if possible, soon after you arrive, about how long you mean to stay with them, as they might not like to ask the question, and would still find it convenient to know whether your visit is to have a duration of three days or three weeks.
Take with you some work that you have already begun, or some book that you are reading, that you may be agreeably employed when your hostess is engaged with her own affairs, and not be sitting about idle, as if waiting to be entertained, when her time is necessarily taken up with something else.
A lady who is charming as a guest and as a hostess, once said to me, "I never take a nap in the afternoon when I am at home, but I do when I am visiting, because I know what a relief it has sometimes been to me to have company lie down for a little while, after dinner."
Try, without being too familiar, to make yourself so much like one of the family that no one shall feel you to be in the way; and, at the same time, be observant of all those small courtesies and kindnesses, which altogether make up what the world agrees to call good manners.
Regulate your hours of rising and retiring by the custom of the house. Do not keep your friends sitting up until later than usual, and do not be roaming about the house an hour or two before breakfast.
If you choose to rise at an early hour remain in your own room until near breakfast-time, unless you are very sure that your presence in the parlor will not be unwelcome. Write in large letters in a prominent place in your mind, "Be punctual."
It is well to remember that some things which seem of very little importance to you may make an unpleasant impression upon others, in consequence of a difference in early training.
The other day two young ladies were heard discussing a gentleman who had a great many pleasant qualities. "Yes," said one, "he is very handsome, but he does eat pie with his knife." Take care that no trifle of that kind is recalled when people are speaking of you.
Keep your own room in order, and do not scatter your belongings all over the house. If your friends are orderly, it will annoy them to see your things out of place; and if they are not, their own disorder will be enough without adding yours.
Make up your mind to be entertained with what is designed to entertain you. If your friends invite you to join them in an excursion, express your pleasure and readiness to go, and do not act as though you were conferring a favor instead of receiving one.
If games are proposed, do not say that you will not play, or "would rather look on;" but join with the rest, and do the best you can. Never let a foolish feeling of pride, lest you should not make so good an appearance as the others, prevent your trying.
ALWAYS A CHANCE.—It is scarcely necessary to remind reasonable men that if they wish to be sad and sour, to grumble and complain, there is always a chance. Reasons for being cast down and dejected are as plenty as blackberries in the height of harvest. If one thing goes right, you may be sure there is always something else going wrong; and if one thing is in order, something else is out of joint, or at any rate soon will be. The chief difference in the feelings and dispositions of people results from the different way of looking at things. Few nights are so dark that no stars are to be seen; the thing is to look them out and keep your eyes on them, and make the most of what light you can discover.
Remember often that the true measure of all we do, is its uniformity with God's will. If I eat and drink because it is God's will, I am more acceptable to Him than if I suffered death without any such intentions.—*Francis de Sales.*
There never did, and there never will exist anything permanently noble and excellent in the character which is a stranger to the exercise of resolute self-denial.—*Walter Scott.*
A woman living in Arkansas, being asked if they had hot Summers there, replied: "I am not so sure about the Summers, but I know we have lots of hot springs."
The power of duly appreciating little things belongs to a great mind; a narrow-minded man has it not, for to him they are great things.—*Whately.*
Keep the horrors at arm's length. Never turn a blessing round to see whether there is a dark side to it.
Experience may be a dear teacher, but she isn't any dearer than a pretty schoolma'am.
The drop curtain is so called because men go out for a drop while it is down.
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It takes a woman to put up canned fruit, but a man to put it down.
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The moon will soon be up, my dears,
We'll have a lovely night!

Then soon we're off, a little hand
Tucked snugly 'neath each arm,
While all the boys are making love
And keeping darlings warm.
Oh! don't you think it's jolly,
Mixing up one's self with curls,
And doing up on moonlight nights,
Skating with the girls!

But when it comes to putting on—
Lord love us, 'tis a nice
To hold the darling's pretty foot!
You have to be precise.
For off the skate won't snugly fit;
So, with many twists and turns,
How long it takes, the putting on
The skates of pretty girls!

A LIFE FOR A LIFE.

Bertrude Dodge was blue. It was August weather—there was no air stirring from one arid noon until the next, and the insects hissed unobtrusively all day long in the parched grasses. Perhaps that was the reason that Bertrude was blue.

Perhaps it was that as she walked Grover's tract day by day and saw the summer's harvest completion in the red apples burning among the gray-green boughs, the hay-fields at aftermath, the purple tasselled corn, and yellow wheat, that she felt her life to be aimless.

She had led the summer come and wane across her passive existence. The previous winter she had said, "I feel ice-bound now. When summer comes I will shake off this inertia and redeem to-day."

Yet the summer was rapidly passing and she was still a dream. The hour never seemed to come which called her to exertion. Well, "Love's young dream" comes but once; it was all well, perhaps.

Grover's Tract and her farmhouse life was not dull as she had expected it would be when she returned from her mountain tour a year before; only at times the out-door suns and the leisurely growing works of nature oppressed her. In the winter she had been gay, looking at the sunset across the snow, watching the chick-a-dees, and searching the woods for the purple uccerion. In the spring the long walks to the post office had been full of joyful fancies and golden realities; she loved the sweet country sights and scents more than ever before in her life.

But in August something seemed to oppress her. The sky burned too blue, the woods were too calmly content in their greenness, the days closed too beautifully in their splendor, as she walked the Tract at sunset, coming from the post-office—coming always empty-handed. Yes, something was wrong, and when she realized it fully, she said:

"I am idle—I am stepping in idleness. I have been doing nothing for a year. Now I will have some work, and Dick may go to the post-office. I care too much for those letters."

Whatever those letters might be, there came no more of them. A certain gay tourist drifting about the world, forgot to write them at last; perhaps Bertrude was pretty, but one traveling everywhere meets many pretty faces.

Bertrude's cheek grew thin and white. Her mother saw that she struggled to repress a growing irritableness. But she worked on unceasingly at her new employment of teaching the district school of Grover's tract. She devoted herself to the children. Their parents said they had never before learned so much.

Bertrude smiled only faintly at their praise. One day, coming home from school through the woods, she dry grasses beneath the ferns and dry fringes.

"It is dust and ashes!" she cried.
The sky gleamed blue through green boughs overhead, and a bird sang cheerily in a neighboring bush. She lay there until she felt the dew falling. As she rose up something great and hard at her side. She looked down, a great rattlesnake was slipping through the grass, going from her, apparently unaware of her presence. Excited, immovable, yet full of horror, she stood and watched the creature.

For a moment it glided steadily on, its course so direct, its appearance so subtle and deadly, that she felt spellbound as she regarded it. Suddenly, with a thrill of horror, she saw the reptile's aim; it was making directly for a shady spot, where a man lay asleep beneath the trees. One moment more would be too late to prevent the threatened attack. Starting from her passivity, she seized a stone at her feet and hurled it full at the creature. He had just paused and raised his crest to view his position, when with a vengeance upon the back of the head, and with a vengeance his head leaped into the air, then fell at full length upon the ground and slowly expired.

Bertrude stood looking at the dusty length and bloody head of the dead snake, her mind in a sort of wonder that anything could be so loathsome, when she heard her name spoken. She raised her eyes and saw Fennel Gould standing before her. The young man looked at the snake with a sort of shudder, and said:

"Bertrude, you must have saved my life."
"I suppose I did," she answered. "The creature was coming directly toward you. Did you ever see anything so horrible, Fennel?"

He took her hands; she hardly glanced at him.
"Darling!" he said.
She snatched her hands away in sudden impatience.

"Don't!" she said. "I wish you wouldn't, Fennel."
"But I love you."
"I cannot help it."

He regarded her sorrowfully. She took her shawl from the grass and put it on.
"It is chilly here, and late. I am going home," she said.

He walked silently at her side out of the woods and across the wide fields of Grover's Tract. Never was there a more hopeless lover than Fennel Gould. At the farmhouse door he said, "Good night, Bertrude." She bowed, and he went over the hill in the warm gray twilight, cursing his cruel fate as lovers have cursed their fates before.

Through a succession of hot days the month went out. Before it had passed, Bertrude was taken sick—miserably ill of fever. She suffered wearisomely, but little could be

done for her. It was a slow fever which must burn out its course. She was thirsty continually, and suddenly in the midst of her suffering, the spring which had supplied her with water grew dry, and all other water tasted warm and brackish to her fevered lips.

"If I only had some ice, mother!" she moaned.
"I know, dear; but there is no ice in less than twenty miles."

Too ill to express her misery, the poor, fevered girl fell asleep, to dream of the old yellow Grover Tract stage straining its way over the heavy sandy roads to Northboro, the only place where there was an ice-house—there to procure for her a great green block of the refreshing ice she coveted.

"It will be so nice!" she murmured in her sleep. "My throat is parched, and it will cool my drink so deliciously."
A cricket sang in the heated wall and woke her. She heard the stage trundling over the hill.

"Has it come, mother?" she asked.
"What, dear? You are dreaming. Wake up, and drink some of this nice iced lemonade."
"Ice, mother! Where did you get it?"

"Fennel has been to Northboro for it. He's been very kind to you, Bertrude, dear."
"It's refreshing. How long have I been asleep, mother?"

"All the afternoon, and I really think you look better, Bertrude."
Bertrude turned on her pillow and fell asleep again. In the morning she was better, but not well. The pale lips were still parched—the mouth so long fevered, tasteless. She relished only the drinks, iced and cool, which her mother prepared. One day she said:

"How is it that that ice lasts so?"
"Why, Fennel goes to Northboro for a fresh piece every other day. The weather is so warm that it melts very fast."
"But it's haying time. How can he be spared?"

"He goes at night after eight o'clock. I don't see how he can do it when he works in the field until he is ready to drop."
"Then why do you ask him, mother?"

"Goodness, child! I never asked him; I guess I didn't! It's his own service. I never dreamed of asking him."
Bertrude, bolstered up in bed, sat silent awhile.

"Fennel's very kind," she said, at last; "but I don't like to tax people so. Mother, if I am better to-morrow, can't I ride out?"

"Perhaps so."
To-morrow Bertrude was feverish again. Nothing passed her parched lips but a yellow peach, rare-ripe, that was a wonder to the neighborhood.

"Where did it come from, mother?"
"Fennel brought it."
The next morning when she awoke, a gust of spicy coolness whiffed into her face.

"What is that?" she cried, starting up.
Just a pitcher of sprays from the scrub-oaks of the lowlands, their tender pendant acorns swinging among the glossy leaves—faint and sweet, and rose and a hand-branches of bayberry, sweet fern, and a hand-ful of checkerberry mixed with sweet swamp heliotrope and wild asters, all dripping with morning dew.

"O, mother, bring it closer! Where did you get it?" placing her thin, white hands among the cool, sweet foliage.
"Fennel left it at the door this morning. He thought it would please you."
"It does please me."

No one but Fennel knew how she liked fragrant green leaves and swamp heliotrope. She was grateful, and she told Fennel so when he saw him. To prove it she let him drive her out and he let her ride back to her. The next morning she awoke, she laughed merrily sometimes, and forgot to look wistfully toward the mountains, as he had noticed her doing so often two months before.

One day she was pale and troubled when Fennel came with his buggy. She was silent for a few moments after they began their drive.

"Fennel?"
"Well?"
"Are you going away?"
"Yes."

"Why, tell me, please."
"I think I had better."
The words were all. She did not dare pretend not to understand him. Both faces were pale. He turned toward her at last, smiling faintly.

"Yes, Bertrude, you don't need me any longer, and I am going away to try as hard as I can to forget you. It is strange that such a sweet-eyed girl should cause so much pain, isn't it?"

Bertrude didn't speak. They rode in silence along the river road. Bertrude was listening, as if charmed, to the chirping of a little bird among the scrub oaks by the river. It was a hearty, cheery little bird that seemed to have no nonsense about it.

The road grew narrower. The tree branches met above their heads and gradually grew lower. Fennel put out his whip to hold them out of their faces. The motion startled the horse—or he might have been twanged by the springing sprays. He leaped suddenly forward and Bertrude was flung from the carriage and down the steep bank into the river.

Stunned by the shock she floated like a corpse. If she had seen Fennel Gould like this she would have wondered, even though she believed that she knew his love. He drew in the passing horse, and flung himself down the bank. Dashing down the steep declivity, he threw himself into the river.

The tide was rapid. Already the figure of the drowning girl, half submerged, was floating into the middle of the current. There were strong, fierce rapids a quarter of a mile below, and the tide swept them both toward it. Fennel Gould expended every resource of body and heart in that struggle for life and love. She floated on—before him in the flowing water until the great beads of agony and pain stood upon his forehead. But one fortunate stroke, and he caught her scarf.

He struggled back to land and fell exhausted upon the bank. For a moment he lay there, panting; then rising, he lifted Bertrude into the carriage, and carried home the life he had saved.

Evening came. Fennel was at home—pacing thoughtfully the floor of his little chamber. It was twilight, and the scent of the ripe apples in the orchard filled the dim room. He did not notice either, but he was roused suddenly by a knock at his door. It was little Willy Dodge with a note. He opened it. It bore these words:

"Fennel, come home with Willy. I want to see you."
That was all, but he knew who sent it. He went out of doors with the child. Holding the boy's hand, he walked the field as he had walked a month before, with his heart as free as a bird. The crickets were singing among the grasses. A strange lightness possessed him,

and yet he kept putting down his heart—not daring to hope. The farmhouse door was open and Bertrude was sitting in the porch. Little Willy went into the house. Fennel sat down on the step.

"What do you want, Bertrude?"
"I will tell you, by and by."
The twilight grew more dim as they talked of unimportant things, until they could not see each other's faces. The crickets were singing hundreds of songs in the grasses by the roadside. The dew fell and woke the sweetness of the roadside ferns.

A long time passed, and at last Fennel arose.
"It is time to go, Bertrude. Will you tell me now?"

The moon came up, and showed her face pale and her lips tremulous, but she stood up by his side and spoke firmly.
"I want to ask you not to go away, Fennel. Don't go."

There seemed more to be said, but she could not say it. Her voice died on her lips, and the eager light in Fennel Gould's eyes faded.

"I cannot stay, Bertrude; don't be troubled to pity me. Good-by, and God keep you, dear, forever!"
He stooped to kiss her head. Her arms were around his neck.

"My love, my love," she cried, "don't leave me! I want you; you make me happy; and I have never, never loved any but you, true heart! Take my life—you have saved it—heart! I will try to make it happy, but indeed, indeed, Fennel, I am not worthy of you!"
Heart to heart, at last! Heaven's angels bless them!

EVILS OF GOSSIPS.

We have known a country society which withered away all to nothing under the dry rot of gossip. Friendships once as firm as granite dissolved to jelly, and then came away to water, only because of this; love that promised a future as enduring as heaven and as staple as truth, evaporated into a morning mist that turned to a day's long tears, only because of this; a father and a son were set foot to foot with the very breath of anger that would never cool again between them; and a husband and his young wife, each straining at the heated leash, which in the beginning had been the golden bondage of a God-blessed love, sat mournfully by the grave where all their love and all their joy lay buried, and all because of this. I have seen faith transformed to mean doubt, joy give place to grief and despair, and charity take on itself the features of black malevolence, because of the small words of scandal, and the magic mutterings of gossip.

Great crimes work wrongs and deeper tragedies of human life spring from the larger passions; but worse and more mournful are the uncalculated tragedies that issue from gossip and detraction; most mournful the shipwreck often made of noble natures and lovely lives by the bitter winds and dead salt waters of slander. So easy to say, yet so hard to disprove—browning on the innocent all the burden and the strain of demonstrating their innocence, and punishing them as guilty if unable to pluck out the strings they cannot see, and to silence words they never hear—gossip and slander are the deadliest and cruellest weapons man has ever forged for his brother's heart.

WHAT THE MICROSCOPE REVEALS.—Mold is a forest of beautiful trees, with the branches, leaves and fruit.
Butterflies are fully feathered.
Hairs are hollow tubes.
The surface of our bodies is covered with scales like a fish; a single grain of sand would cover one hundred and fifty of these scales, and yet a scale covers five hundred pores. Through these narrow openings the perspiration forces itself like water through a sieve.

Each drop of stagnant water contains a world of living creatures, swimming with as much liberty as the fish in the sea.
Each leaf has a colony of insects grazing on it, like cows in a meadow.

THE BREWER'S DOG.—A gentleman, taking an evening walk, saw two men supporting a third, who appeared to be unable to walk. "What is the matter?" he inquired. "Why," was the reply, "the man has been badly bitten by the brewer's dog." "Indeed!" said he, feeling concerned at the disaster. "Yes, sir, and he is not the first by a good many that that dog has done with them." "Ah! sir, he ought to have been long ago, but he is protected by the law." "How is that?" "Why, it is strong drink; that is the brewer's dog, and he has a license to bite."

HALTER-PULLING.—Take a small rope (say about half an inch, nothing heavier) about twelve to fifteen feet long, as the case may be; make a loop in one end about the shape of a common harness collar; slip the tail through the loop, then run the other end through the turret of the neck-pick, thence to the hame or ball. One pull of the tail will be let him pull. One pull of the tail will be enough, or two at the most. Few horses can be made to pull after a few trials of the tail-hitch.

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Per hour.	92 00	236 00	289 00
Per minute.	1 10	4	5

A gentleman being troubled with a contagious disease said to his little son who, in an affectionate mood, wished to embrace him, "You mustn't hug me. You'll catch the scarlet fever." Willie standing back, looked in amazement upon his papa (who, by the way, is a pattern of propriety), and quietly asked, "Why, papa, who did you hug?"

POTATOES A LA D'ELMONICO.—Cut the potatoes with a vegetable cutter into small balls, about the size of a marble; put them in a sauté-pan with plenty of butter and a good sprinkling of salt; keep the sauce-pan covered, and shake occasionally until they are quite done, which will be in about an hour.

"I suppose you miss your husband very much," he remarked to the charming relief. "Miss him! Of course I do. He was very useful in attending to the fire, winding up the clock, and turning out the gas."

Original.

Old Valentines.

It chanced to-day I came across
In a little drawer put away,
Some valentines of long ago,
Not seen for many a day.

And eager-eyed the children come
To ask, "What mean those sweet things
With pictures bright like shining gold,
And little boys with shining wings?"

So while they look, admire and talk,
I'll read the lines—not faded yet—
And mark the changes time has wrought,
"Twere vainest folly to regret."

The first I take is Charlie's hand,
"Twas written fifteen years ago;
Fond love is breathed in every line,
For then he was an ardent beau."

But to the fearful war he went
To join the battle's hottest strife,
Regretting not one left behind,
Who soon became a happy wife.

And here is one, "I'm sure from Ben,
A sailor brave upon the deep.
Bright shine the day his ship comes in,
For then he was an ardent beau."

Here's some I've rarely puzzled over
And never could guess the writer's name,
I'll keep them still—they pleased me once—
What matter who? 'tis all the same.

I've reached the last one in the pile,
"Tis from that brave and loving Phil,
I sadly take and read it o'er,
Long since he climbed the 'shining hill.'"

And so once more I fold them up,
And put them in their box away,
For they've been kept so many years,
I cannot see them burn to-day." C. B.

OUR BOSTON LETTER.

Boston, Feb. 20, 1878.

I suppose you have something of an idea what an important part rugs, and more especially Oriental rugs, have to perform in modern household decorations. But I wonder if you know how full of interest these same rugs are; how they express the rude art of the wandering Arab nations, and the more cultured art of India and Turkey? I have been exceedingly interested in looking at the different kinds, which have been imported recently by Messrs. John H. Pray Sons & Co., and which include all the different styles of Indian, Persian, Arabic, Turkish and Japanese, and is probably one of the most complete collections in New England at least. You can trace in these rugs almost accurately the degree of civilization at which the weavers of these different grades and styles have arrived.

So your rug is something more than an addition to your household furnishing; it is a type of a life as far removed from yours as it is possible for one thing to be removed from another. Its first days were passed in Eastern lands; it was woven by the native women, on looms of the most primitive and rude construction. It possesses none of the regularity of the design of your Wilton rugs, and in this lies its charm and value; it is one of the strong proofs of genuineness, which you find in the power loom woven fabrics of Europe and America.

It is dark, cool and quiet, just as a rug should be, since modern taste in decoration demands that floor covering shall be subdued, a background for color merely. It may seem an anomaly, but it is a fact, nevertheless, that we are getting our best ideas of modern art from these semi-civilized nations; they seem to have a natural taste for ornamentation and the results which they accomplish, taking only these rugs for example, are surprising in the extreme.

The most elegant and expensive of the rugs and yet the most economical, on account of their enduring qualities, are the Persian and Daghestan rugs. The peculiarities of these are the intricate, which is fine and thick as that of a Wilton carpet, with the same velvety pile, the dull subdued coloring, and the odd Oriental figures, which possess a sort of a regular irregularity. Greatly to the benefit of these Eastern manufacturers, modern brilliant dyes have not reached there, and it is to be sincerely hoped that their introduction is a long time distant.

The Kurdistan, so named from the Asiatic province in which they are made, are of camel's hair, and are rough and coarse compared with the luxurious Indian and Daghestan, but they possess merits which cannot be over-looked, and the designs are eccentric and barbaric; the peculiarity of their weaving gives them a clinging property, so that the longer they are in use the better they will keep in place. But the wildest, the most barbaric and typical of the people who manufacture them, are the Kelim rugs. They are made by wandering tribes of Arabs, and are coarse in texture and rude in design. Still they are very fascinating, and looking at them I could not help regarding them as a link between the civilized West and the wildest savagery of the Orient.

When the weavers have a great fancy for introducing all sorts of foreign substances into these mats, such as the brilliant feathers of Asiatic birds, bits of colored rags and sometimes, although rarely, a rude fringe on which is strung small Arabic coins. For artistic beauty, I would prefer of course one of the richer rugs, but for a curiosity, I think I should like a Kelim. Egyptian rugs are eminently characteristic, being covered with the roglyphics in the true Egyptian colors. The Turkish rugs are better known than any others, as they were the first to be imported.

Do you imagine all this to be unimportant? Not a bit of it. We are fast becoming in the European fashion—those of us who can afford it—of dispensing largely with carpets, especially in country houses, and having instead floors covered with rugs. There is no doubt that this is a more healthful as well as artistic mode of housefurnishing. Naturally a carpet collects impurities, and even the most particular housekeeper cannot take up her carpet oftener than twice a year, while these rugs can be shaken daily and the floor underneath them brushed, so all the particles of dust are removed easily, and do not float about the room to be taken into the lungs. After a room whose floor is like that just described, a carpeted room feels "stuffy." I know because I have tried the experiment. I had my sitting room floor finished so as to be sufficiently furnished with rugs, and I never enjoyed a room better in my life; there is an atmosphere of cleanliness about it, that I don't get out of any of my carpeted rooms, no matter how often they are swept. My next departure in this direction will be to my sleeping room, which I have a fancy should be the most free from impurities of any room in the house. Some of you try, and see if you are not of my way of thinking, and when you have an opportunity drop into my Pray's and look at those Oriental rugs. I am sure you will find peculiar, just as you do when you see a fine piece of art, or an artistic piece of pottery. There

is no doubt of their being genuine either; Sir Randal Roberts, an English gentleman, who now lives in Boston, and has passed much of his time in the East, has examined the whole collection and vouches for their reality, so you may take double pleasure in the examination of them.

Another of the "No Name" books has been published by Roberts Bros. and its authorship is almost without a dissenting voice attributed to Philip Gilbert Hamerton. "Marmorne" ranks as one of the finest of the series and is almost breathlessly interesting.

The Atlantic for March promises to be a very brilliant number. It will contain another "Rosary of Sonnets" by Mr. Longfellow, also a very spirited poem, "The White Czar," which Mr. Whitier pays a warm tribute to Gen. Wm. F. Bartlett. Hon. Gideon Welles has a paper on "The Opposition to Lincoln in 1864." Chas. Dudley Warner and Mr. Howells are represented, and Mark Twain makes his bow as a story teller, in a thrilling romance, in which the telephone plays an important part.

SALLIE JOY WHITE.

HOW IT LOOKS TO A WESTERNER.

An old subscriber to the JOURNAL who has lived in Wisconsin for many years, voices his belief in the silver dollar in the following words:

The all-absorbing question of the present is, this currency, upon which subject I never had any doubts as to the result, and the final triumph of

The Journal.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1878.

The Crispin strike at Lynn is about over with, and the strikers are gradually returning to their work.

Collector Simmons of Boston is at Washington working like a beaver to secure a re-appointment. His term expires next week.

Gov. Rice has nominated and the President appointed ex-Gov. Bullock and George C. Richardson of Boston as Massachusetts commissioners at the Paris Exposition.

Congressman Robinson, from this district, has been consulted by the President in regard to the reappointment of Collector Simmons. Mr. Robinson favored his reappointment.

Congressmen have tired of paying their own postage like other folks, and on Wednesday the Senate passed a bill restoring the franking privilege to the President, Vice President and members of Congress.

Druggists will be interested in a recent decision of Judge Gardner of the Superior Court, who decides that druggists have the right to keep liquors without a license, if they are used only in the compounding of medicines.

The U. S. Senate on Tuesday passed the Pension bill, granting pensions to all who served for fourteen days in the war of 1812, and restoring to the pension rolls those who were stricken off for having participated in the rebellion.

Cardinal Gioacchino Pecci was on Wednesday elected Pope to succeed the late Pius IX, and has assumed the name of Leo XIII. The new Pope has been cardinal chamberlain at the Vatican for several months past, is 68 years old, and is a man of liberal mind.

England is still making active preparations for war, but her fleet has been withdrawn to Moudania bay, 40 miles from Constantinople, and the Russians have accordingly not occupied the Turkish capital. The Peace Congress will be held shortly at Baden Baden.

Our Legislature is asked to do a great many things which it is rather impracticable to do. Somebody petitions to have it prohibit the running of trains for any purpose on Sunday. The request should include the prevention of traveling, or the distribution of milk on the Sabbath.

It is reported that the insurgent chiefs in Cuba have accepted the conditions of the Spanish Government and will cease hostilities. The island has been so long the scene of bloodshed the prospect of peace is a source of much joy to the people, and it is to be hoped that it may be a permanent one.

CREMATION is not growing popular in Pennsylvania, where Dr. Lemoine has cremated several bodies in his furnace, and the populace threaten to demolish the concern. Not that there is anything offensive from the furnace at the time of cremation, but the descriptions given of the process are rather disgusting and not calculated to make one in love with incineration.

Going up to see the Hoosac Tunnel used to be one of the annual recreations of our Legislature. Now that the bore is finished there appears to be no need of it; but the fashion has got so fixed upon that body that, after once voting to dispend with the fun, the members concluded to go March 8th. These excursions are usually sandwiched with numerous pocket bottles and disgraceful drunkenness, but the members are probably more temperate and virtuous this year.

According to all accounts there was a disgraceful scene in the U. S. Senate last Friday night, when there was an all-night session on the silver bill. The Senate was simply drunk, and what with honorable Senators asleep at full length on settees in their stocking feet, others unable to walk without support, maudlin jests and incoherent speeches, the occasion was one calculated to inspire disgust in every heart. There is a good deal of work yet for Murphy to accomplish at the Capital.

If half can be believed in regard to the reputed famine in China, it is perfectly awful. Think of seventy million human beings starving in the province of North China, and what is equally terrible is the fact that thousands must perish without relief. It is thought that if a way should be provided millions of these starving creatures would make their way to the American continent, and the Chinese question become a more difficult one than ever the negro question was.

How full of humanity some legislators are! Here is a Mr. Lynde of Worcester who has introduced a bill in the Legislature prohibiting the furnishing of tobacco to the paupers of the almshouse at Tewksbury and the inmates of the State Workhouse, because it costs the State a few dollars. This is about the only comfort these inmates get, and the man who would deprive them of it ought to feel ashamed of himself. He would probably vote a million or two for the Hoosac Tunnel or Danvers Hospital without wincing.

This winter's remarkable weather is a daily topic. Here we are near the close of February, and no sleighing, no cold weather to speak of, and not much of what may be called winter. Old people predict a late, cold spring, on the ground that we must get about so much cold weather every year, and if it don't come in the winter season we shall get it in the spring; but the weather is bound not to be confined to rules and regulations since Old Probabilities has undertaken to regulate it, so that we cannot tell what it will be from one day to another.

THE Silver Bill was passed by the Senate last Saturday morning by a vote of 48 to 21. It provides that a silver dollar of 412½ grains shall be coined, which shall be legal tender, and that the Secretary of the Treasury shall purchase not less than \$2,000,000 nor more than \$4,000,000 per month of silver bullion, which shall be coined into dollars of the above weight. Holders of silver coin may deposit the same with the Treasurer or any Assistant Treasurer of the United States in sums not less than \$10 and receive certificates therefor, the amount to correspond with the denomination of United States notes. This is done to obviate the use of the cumbersome metal in business operations. The most objectionable features of the Bland bill have been eliminated, and should this bill become a law it will be some time before enough silver could be coined to materially affect the business interests of the country. The amendments in the Senate necessitated the return of the bill to the House, where the amendments were adopted on Thursday. The bill now goes to the President, and it seems probable that he will veto it, in which case it will very likely be passed over his veto, as both branches of Congress have given the bill more than a two-thirds vote.

"All's well that ends well." About two months ago Thomas Lord of New York, a wealthy widower of 86, married a charming young widow of about 40, Mrs. Ilikes, and at once there was a great outcry from his children, who took steps immediately to have the old gentleman adjudged insane. In the meantime no traces of the bride and groom could be found, but after a few weeks of quiet seclusion and enjoyment at the bride's home the bridegroom emerged and began to assume the offensive against his children. But on Monday a compromise was effected, by which Mr. Lord conveys all his property to a couple of trustees who are to have the management of it, paying over the proceeds to Mr. Lord and his children in accordance with a private agreement. Mrs. Lord relinquishing all her marital interests in the property; so that everything is lovely—Mr. Lord gets an attractive wife and has no more bother with his two millions of property, and the children have their interest in the property assured, while the bride is worth about \$500,000 of her own and so needn't worry.

HUMANITY is not one of the virtues of the New Jersey State Prison if the testimony of convicts can be relied upon. The Legislature of that State is just now investigating the treatment of the prisoners there. When it was supposed a prisoner feigned sickness burning alcohol was poured upon him, and for a slight misdemeanor they were put upon what is called the "stretcher," a machine which when set in motion nearly pulls apart the principal joints in the body. Some of the investigating committee tried this machine and could hardly stand it a minute, yet prisoners were tortured on it for two hours. One prisoner named Snooks is reported to have died on this infernal machine. Another punishment is the hanging up of prisoners by the wrists, and when out down in some instances the flesh was cut through and they went to their work bleeding. There is a good deal of indignation manifested against the officers of the prison, and well there may be, at the development of such horrors.

It has been reserved for the currency reformers at Washington to discover that a mere confession of debt, without a promise of payment, is as good as anything else for money. The House Banking and Currency Committee has decided to favorably report a bill to substitute Treasury notes for the national bank currency now outstanding, these notes to bear upon their face the following words only: "Washington, D. C. The United States of America are indebted to the bearer in the sum of — dollars." These notes are to have the same general appearance as greenbacks, and shall be a tender for all debts and demands of every kind due the United States and receivable by the same for customs, duties, etc. The only exception made is where the Government has promised to pay coin. They are also to be receivable at par for 4 per cent. bonds, which is one redeeming feature of the bill. The further issue of national bank notes and any further contraction of the currency are forbidden by the bill.

GOVERNOR RICE is one of those men who are bound never to be in a hurry. More than a year ago the time of a member of the Board of State Charities expired, yet he has not filled the vacancy. Another member of the Board died last summer, and the vacancy thus occasioned remains unfilled, notwithstanding another member has been sick for a part of the year and another has been away in Europe. At the State Primary School, one of the inspectors resigned the first of January, and the third one has been confined to his home by sickness for several months, yet the Governor delays filling any vacancies. Gov. Rice has the reputation of being a first-class business man, and he ought to apply this virtue to his official duties, but he don't.

The arithmetic of the future as corrected by Congress will read something after this fashion:

10 mills make	one cent,
10 cents	" " " dime,
10 " "	" " " dollar.

It is the interest account that kills. One hundred dollars borrowed at six per cent., with the interest compounded annually, will amount to \$1842 in fifty years. The same amount borrowed at eight per cent. will amount to \$4690 in fifty years. One thousand dollars, at ten per cent., compounded will sum up to \$117,390 in fifty years.

A gold and stock board telephone which has been established between Springfield and Westfield, a distance of nine miles, operates with entire success.

PALMER AND VICINITY.

Another January thaw.

Town meeting three weeks from next Monday.

The cats are becoming unusually musical o' nights.

J. M. Knox has opened a meat market at West Warren.

How many persons saw the eclipse of the moon Sunday morning?

Lace-making succeeds pottery-decorating as the fashionable recreation.

The Baptists had a pleasant social at their church Wednesday evening.

S. S. Taft has been appointed assignee of Charles Sherman, bankrupt.

Fashion predicts that dogs' headresses will be worn long and gored on the side.

The carpet factory has sixteen looms "loaded" and will soon have them all running.

Geo. W. Randall has just arrived from the north with a load of horses, which he will sell.

It is prophesied that there will be no births, marriages or deaths on the 29th of this month.

Dr. Sweet will be at the Nassawanno House again next Monday, and will remain for a week.

Our merchants complain of the innumerable host of drummers who are "hovering around."

All the schools in town closed Thursday, and the scholars will have a rest for about five weeks.

The banks were closed yesterday, and that was about the only observance of Washington's birthday hereabouts.

Fashion articles say that bustles are worn less than formerly. We had noticed a falling off in the old newspaper trade.

The style of dressing hair with the ladies now is about nip and tuck between the door-knob and pitcher-handle patterns.

What with red mittens, blue ribbons and the slight snow of Sunday night, our streets have looked quite patriotic the past week.

A young man had his arm seriously hurt last Sunday evening by the bracking of a rocking chair. The young lady was uninjured.

About two hundred sat down to supper at the Universalist festival Wednesday evening; everybody had a good time, and the net proceeds of the evening were \$163.

Gen. De Sire has been visiting friends in this village lately. He makes his calls most frequently in the morning, and our citizens entertain a general desire to lie abed.

Rev. C. H. Eaton will begin a series of lectures to young people next Sunday evening. The subjects are: Habits, Amusements, Books and Reading, A Successful Life.

A son of H. P. Holden was attacked with diphtheria this week, but prompt attention was given to the case, and it is hoped he will escape the worst features of the disease.

Herman Berger, well known hereabouts, and who kept a store in Holyoke, where he speculated largely in real estate, is reported to be in Wisconsin in straightened circumstances.

Nervous people and skittish horses will be glad to know that the Boston & Albany passenger engines are being equipped with "deadeners" for their vacuum brakes, which have been such deafeners.

Where are our ladies? Nearly all the towns around us have a Woman's Christian Temperance Union to help on the temperance work, but there are no signs of such an organization here yet.

If the fellow who wrote that poetry on the first page about skating with the girls had lived in the days of striped and dark colored stockings, he wouldn't have gone into such ecstasies over "a glimpse of stockings white."

Miss Annie B. Feeney of this village, now visiting at Father McCort's, at South Adams, is envying the people there with her accomplished soprano voice, and the choir of his church is receiving valuable assistance from her.

The nearest approach to perpetual motion yet attained is believed to have been recently discovered. If you don't believe it, just get within hearing distance of a company of three or four good live women, and listen for yourself.

Partridges haven't been "budding" this season as yet, owing to the extremely open winter, there not having been any considerable length of time when they could not get at the ground. This bird ought to be plenty next fall.

Rev. C. T. Johnson having returned from the funeral services of his mother, will occupy his own pulpit at Four Corners Sabbath morning; subject: Temperance. The Sabbath school hold a missionary concert Sunday afternoon at the church.

It seems rather early for trailing arbutus, but we have a sprig on our table from a large bunch gathered in the woods the other day by Mrs. George Whiting of this town, and it is as bright and fragrant as though it hadn't got two or three months ahead of time.

These words from an exchange are applicable in almost any latitude: "When the churches learn to treat outsiders with the same affability and cordiality that liquor sellers greet their customers, there will be such a revival as the world has never yet seen."

A correspondent asks, "Is the order for muzzling dogs to be enforced? Several of the little Spitz nuisances are loose and unrestrained on our streets, snapping and snarling at everybody, while the owners of many of the more valuable and less dangerous animals obediently comply with the mandate of the selectmen."

Some 30 or 40 couples of the elite of the village were at the Antique House social assembly Thursday evening, and the ladies were with their usual liberality taking them all home after the dance. Bacon & Kenfield's full band furnished music. Another assembly will be given at Weeks Hall next Friday evening.

Mrs. Crawford gives another of her pleasant musical soirees at Union Hall, March 5th, assisted by her pupils and Miss Marion Osgood, the young violinist. Miss Osgood, by the way, desires to form a class here for violin instruction, and will meet those wishing to join such a class at Mr. Goddard's, a week from Tuesday evening.

"Auction sales" are the latest vogue. The ladies all mask, and put on long gowns, concealing the form. They are then auctioned off to the highest bidder successively, and for that evening must accept the attention and escort of the fortunate bidder. Most amusing situations and absurd complications arise, and that is where the fun is supposed to come in.

Samuel Brunelle of Palmer for an assault on Jerry Goodhue paid the District Court \$5 and costs last week Friday. On Monday

Thomas Ryan of Springfield, for drunkenness at Monmouth, was committed, not having the means to pay his fine. Mary Lacey was brought up on Tuesday for an assault on Jerry Griffin, and was ordered to give bonds in \$500 to keep the peace, and to pay costs of \$10.40.

A new mail from Boston has been put on the fast express which arrives here at 1.20 p. m., thus enabling a person who writes to Boston at night to receive an answer the middle of the next day. This gives us four mails a day to and from the east. The mail car has been taken off from the 1.40 p. m. express east, and now runs on the 3.45 p. m. fast express. The corrected time table of the Palmer post office will be found in another column.

There was a very good attendance at Thursday evening's temperance meeting in Thales Hall, notwithstanding the unfavorable weather, and interesting addresses were made by Revs. B. M. Fullerton and J. H. Bradford, and other home speakers. The date of the next meeting is not yet definitely determined, but will be duly announced. The committee design to make this movement a general one throughout the town, and are arranging for some meetings at Thordike, the first one to be held some evening next week, the exact date of which will probably be announced on Sunday. Enoch Robinson begins a series of meetings at Amherst next Monday, and writes that he will return to Palmer when he has finished his labors there, and he will probably be engaged for a week's work here the first of next month.

The following recent real estate transactions have been recorded with the register of deeds: George H. Newton to George E. Fuller, land and buildings in Monson, \$600; Hiram Newton to George E. Fuller, right to lay a sewer, \$25; John W. Bennett to Lee Blanchard, land in Monson, \$30; Hiram Newton to Edward P. Newton, land in Monson, \$100; Edward P. Newton to Daniel G. Green, land in Monson, \$210; Lewis King to Daniel G. Green, land in Monson, \$82; Isaac H. Plunkley to Daniel G. Green, land in Monson, \$190; William M. Stewart of Wales to Daniel G. Green of Monson, land in Wales, \$55; Jas. E. Phelps to Mrs. Martha M. Sage, land in Wilbraham, \$75; Collins Mfg. Co. to Flavel D. Benton, land in Wilbraham, \$325; Michael Powers of Wilbraham to Thomas Patterson of Ludlow, land in Wilbraham, \$800; Walter Hitchcock to Warren Pittsinger, land in Wilbraham, \$100; E. C. Eaton of Ludlow to N. B. Paulk of Ludlow, land in Chicopee and Ludlow, \$100; A. F. Nash of Ludlow to N. B. Paulk, land in Chicopee, \$500; Ruman and George Nash of Ludlow and Carrie A. Keith of Granby to N. B. Paulk, land in Chicopee, \$200; Elisha T. Parsons of Ludlow to N. B. Paulk, land in Chicopee, \$40. Mortgage: Eliza M. Rich to Sarah E. Wade, land and buildings in Ludlow, \$250.

THORNDIKE. The Congregationalists made a success of their festival Tuesday evening, clearing about \$176.

HOLLAND. The ladies of the Cong. church will hold a festival in the town hall next Friday evening, with music and singing by an old folks' concert troupe from Wales. Oysters and other refreshments will be served.

BECHTOLDTOWN. Henry Hong is building a nice residence on Depot street at an expense of several thousand dollars.

The Reform club met at the town house last Monday evening to form a club for the children, who have recently joined the temperance society. Geo. B. Weston spoke for the cause of temperance with much enthusiasm. Singing by the glee club and a reading by Miss Abbie Snow added much to the interest of the occasion.

ROXVILLE. Michael Slattery is to erect a new barn on Prospect street.

Presiding Elder Whitaker preached in the Methodist church last Sunday morning.

Dr. W. D. Walrod, late of Albany, will take up his residence in this village. He will have an office at the residence of Mr. Bolton on Main street.

The promenade concert given by the eor-net band last Friday night at Four Corners was a success. Between fifty and sixty couples participated in the dance, and the receipts were \$60.

THREE RIVERS. The Baptist festival has been postponed a month.

There have been extra services held at the chapel during the week.

The Y. M. C. A. had a Bible reading on temperance on Wednesday evening, conducted by Rev. Mr. Berry.

In the intermediate school in this village, Alva S. Davis and Joseph Sudda were not absent or tardy during the past term.

A meeting of the Blue Ribbon Brigade will be held at the Y. M. C. A. room this (Saturday) evening to organize a Reform club.

Geo. W. Newton has been appointed a justice of the peace.

Taxpayers who do not pay up before March 1st will have the pleasure of seeing their names in the town reports.

Being unable to settle the dog question last week, the lycæum took for this week's consideration the question, "Which causes the more evil, fashion or intemperance?"

The Reform Club and Ladies' Christian Temperance Union and a "conundrum party" met at the Y. M. C. A. and the 100 conundrums proposed the Reform Club guessed 60 and so came off victors.

This village don't propose to let West Warren get two of the selectmen the coming year, and there are likely to be a number of changes in the various offices. There are two vacancies in the board of assessors, and one of the road commissioners will resign, it is thought.

WALES. The manufacturers have made up their bodies and claim a margin on the right side. Parties are looking at the idle mills with intent to hire.

Rev. W. Phillips, while splitting wood last Monday, accidentally cut his foot quite badly, but hopes to be able to preach a part of the coming Sabbath.

The old folks' concert will be given next Tuesday evening if the weather permits; if not, on the first fair evening after. At the close of the concert the old folks will serve an old fashioned pork and beans, hulled corn and milk, and pumpkin pie supper.

The pastor of the Baptist church exchanged pulpits with Rev. Mr. Pierce of the Brimfield Cong. church last Sunday, who delivered a very interesting and instructive discourse. Mr. P. has preached here before, and his sermons have always been fraught with the Gospel of Christ, just what we like here.

WILBRAHAM. "Every little helps"—to make the sleighing better, but not enough better to stop the use of wagons.

Presiding Elder Whitaker preaches at the Memorial church Sunday morning, a love feast preceding the sermon.

Decius Beebe, W. R. Sessions, F. E. Clark, S. C. Spellman, I. A. Potter, and E. B. Gates were in Brimfield Thursday to advocate the division of this town before the Legislative committee on towns.

Rev. M. S. Howard, the last person who rang the bell in the old church, was the first to ring the new one after it was hung. It is a fine toned bell, but is too much confined to let the sound out as much as it should.

The exhibition Wednesday evening consisted of the drama, "Bread on the Waters," a farce, "Thirty minutes for refreshments," and music by Prof. Kelsey, teacher of music in the academy, and Prof. Lamb. It was repeated Friday night by request. Wednesday night about \$55 was netted.

On Tuesday Justice Richards fined Thomas McLehety \$1 and costs for abusing his horse. Morris Kee, James Manning and James Cooley, charged with disturbing the peace, were discharged.

The town has voted to settle two lawsuits by paying Watson Hanks \$600, the amount he asks, for damages received on the highway, and will accept \$300 from Otis Chickering, he having offered to pay \$200.

Tuesday evening's Temperance meeting in the Cong. chapel was addressed by Postmaster Rogers of North Adams and Miss DeVulling of Springfield, and so great was the crowd that an overflow meeting was held in the Methodist vestry. About 200 persons have signed the pledge.

The Methodist church has these officers for the ensuing year: Trustees, J. J. Howe, D. Allen, Q. Randall, J. Eddy, D. Parker, H. M. Woods, W. Sadler, Watson Hanks, Wm. Bester; stewards, H. M. Woods, D. Parker, W. Sadler, W. W. Hanks, D. Bliss, W. W. Bester; recording steward, W. W. Bester; district steward, H. M. Woods.

LUDLOW. The mad dog scare has abated.

The selectmen balance their accounts next Monday.

The Methodists held their annual festival Tuesday and Wednesday evenings.

Rev. C. L. Cushman, formerly of this town and now of Phillipston, has received a unanimous call to the Cong. church at Ashfield.

C. A. Southworth's dog was poisoned last week. He was bitten last November by the mad dog which passed through the town, and the citizens have felt quite indignant because Mr. Southworth would not kill him, so somebody probably took the matter in their own hands.

Mr. Jos. H. Thorndike of Ludlow is the owner of a remarkable sheep, 17 years of age, for which he gave \$1 when a lamb. He has sold from her \$137 worth of lambs, and her fleece averages 5 lbs. a year. In the last five springs she has furnished her owner with 15 lambs, and in all has furnished him 27. One of her lambs, now 9 years old, brings Mr. Thorndike an income of \$15 a year in lambs and wool. He keeps only these two sheep, who run with the cows.

BRIMFIELD. The funeral of the late Mrs. Maria Briggs was largely attended at the church last Sunday afternoon, Rev. Mr. Pierce officiating.

Diphtheria is still making its ravages in this town and its vicinity, sparing neither old or young in its mysterious raids against the inhabitants.

The pulpit of the Cong. church was occupied by Rev. Mr. Phillips of Wales Sunday morning, and he preached an interesting discourse from Ephesians 3:19.

Mr. and Mrs. Benj. Webster will remain wardens of the Brimfield poor farm for another year from the 1st of April next. A better choice could not have been made.

Some of the scholars of the Hitchcock High School attended the dress ball at Fiskdale the other evening. The company was select, the music good and the supper excellent.

Mr. Charles Andrus of Worcester has made a short visit to the old homestead and former residence of his father, the late Col. Andrus of Brimfield, and his near relatives who still occupy the old mansion, which was always noted for its genuine old fashioned hospitality.

NORTH WILBRAHAM. Mr. James Bennett, teacher of vocal music, has opened his school again with 15 scholars.

Palmer Journeaus can be got at G. H. Appleton's store, either by the single copy or yearly subscription.

Chas. Phelps, railroad police, is the one to kill dogs without muzzles, and has already commenced his work.

Forty couples went from this village with Levi Collins's busses to attend the dramatic entertainment of the young people on the Street Wednesday evening.

Bramble & Co. have started the cellars for the Collins Co's. new block. It is to be a large 6-tenement wood block, and will be a well-considered addition to the village.

Monday evening a house full of Lizzie Knowlton's friends remembered it was her 14th birthday and gave her a surprise visit, leaving a number of presents in token of their esteem for her.

Royce & Kearney's Minstrel and Combination Troupe, local talent, visit Three Rivers this (Saturday) evening, and the fun-loving people of that place expect a treat, as shown by letters received promising them a warm reception. They go assisted by 10 star actors, and Mr. Hearn with his talking machine and Wm. Green as interlocutor are sure to bring down the house. For music they have engaged Wall's orchestra of Wilbraham. D.

MOXSON. There was a masquerade ball at Green's Hall last (Friday) evening.

At the organization of the Women's Christian Temperance Union on Thursday, the following officers were chosen: Miss Lizzie Topliffe, president; Mrs. B. A. Day, Mrs. E. M. Williams, Mrs. Charles Fowler, vice-presidents; Miss Sarah M. Newton, secretary; Miss Julia White, treasurer. The organization starts off with about 40 members.

The Temperance meetings were productive last week of 725 signatures to the pledge. A meeting was held on Sabbath afternoon at the Munn school house. The house was crowded, and local talent, some of whom had never before spoken in a Temperance meeting, took part in the exercises and with good results.

A meeting was also held Tuesday evening in the Butler district and eleven adults signed the pledge. Mr. Frank Alberty is doing good missionary work in the out-districts, and has some earnest workers to help him. Sabbath evening, Green's Hall was well filled and miscellaneous matters were discussed, and a desire on the part of several to form some organization to aid and strengthen the cause will probably result in the formation of a reform club. W. H. Blanchard of Worcester spoke on Wednesday evening, and on Thursday afternoon a meeting for the formation of a women's temperance union was held. On Thursday evening arrangements were further made for the organization of the reform club.

WEST WARREN. Philip Blair has sold his farm to Julius Roberts for \$3000, and will remove to Putney, Vt., together with his son, Roswell H. Blair.

A pair of bellows in the Warren Cotton Mills blacksmith shop filled with gas and exploded last Friday, and to make it interesting a 20-pound pulley dropped from the roof close beside a couple of men, but did not injure them.

A tramp has unceremoniously taken rooms at the "Pool house," which has been vacant since the Palmer constables arrested and scattered the last tenants last fall, and without the knowledge of the owner he appears to be enjoying himself hugely in his secluded retreat.

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WARE AND VICINITY.

Those blue ribbons should be ironed out; they begin to look wrinkled and dirty.

The engine company have changed the date of their calico ball. It will be March 1st instead of the 4th.

The subject of Rev. J. Peterson's discourse next Sunday afternoon will be "Dancing." A cordial invitation is extended to all.

A barn belonging to Augustus Cummings, situated a mile or two from the village, was burned about five o'clock last Monday morning. Insured for \$500.

Soldiers with their ladies, and soldiers' widows, are cordially invited to attend the Grand Army camp fire, which will be held in their hall next Tuesday evening.

S. E. Walker's soap shop on West Main street was destroyed

Lines
Affectionately dedicated to Rev. D. M. Fallertou, suggested by the tenth anniversary of his settlement in Palmer.

Hail this joyous anniversary!
One decade its flight has passed,
And to-night we'll offer its pages
Retrospective glances cast.

One decade since was extended
Welcome to you, pastor dear,
And ten years 'mid shade and sunshine
You have toiled and labored here.

For success your work attending
We congratulations bring,
And our heartiest greetings mingle
With our evening's offering.

Of our high appreciation
Words inadequately tell,
And our gratitude's unspoken
For the work you've done so well.

Sometimes have the shadows gathered
And almost obscured the light,
But however deep their shading
Let them dissipate to-night.

Varied are the pictures painted
On the canvas of these years;
You have joyed perhaps with many,
And with others mingled tears.

Aged ones, whose sun was sinking
Slowly to the distant west,
You the trembling hand have taken,
Telling them of precious rest.

Youth and even little children
Have shared largely of your love;
You have watched their sweet unfolding,
Ever pointing them above.

Beautifully interwoven
Have been love's endearing ties—
Friendship on the earth is sacred,
But 'tis holier in the skies.

Where the marriage bells were pealing,
And to homes of death and tears,
You alternately have journeyed
Through these varying, changeable years.

Of the dying you've attended
To the winding river's bank,
Till their feet have touched the waters,
Till of them compell'd to drink.

And your benedictions followed
As they pressed the flowery tide,
And meekly were almost waited
Over to the other side.

To the sorrowing and afflicted
You have words of comfort given,
Binding hearts with angelic blessings,
Pointing them the way to Heaven.

Many garlands of affection
You have twined with flowers of love,
That will bloom in fadeless beauty
In celestial bowers above.

When the next ten years are numbered
Deeper lines may mark your brow,
May your hands be strong for labor
And encouraged e'en as now.

And may souls to you be given
That shall shine like stars at last
In the firmament of heaven,
Ere your next decade has passed.

And when life's great work is finished,
And the wondrous drama's o'er,
May the plaudit, "Come ye blessed,"
Pastor, be for you in store.

May heaven's richest, choicest blessings,
Evermore attend your way,
And a glorious entrance given
To you in the realms of day.

For your toils, your tears and heart-pangs,
Thou wilt full reward be given,
And a diadem of glory
In our Father's home in heaven. S. W. C.

A CHILD'S SYMPATHY.—A child's eyes
those clear wells of undelved thought—what
on earth can be more beautiful? Full of hope,
love and curiosity, they meet your own. In
prayer, how earnest; in joy, how sparkling;
in sympathy, how tender! The man who
never tried the companionship of a little child
has carelessly passed by one of the greatest
pleasures of life, as one passes a rare flower,
without plucking it or knowing its value. A
child cannot understand you, you think;
speak to it of the holy things of your religion,
of your grief for the loss of a friend, of your
love for some one you fear will not love in
return; it will take, it is true, no measure or
soundings of your thought; it will not judge
how much you should believe, whether your
grief is rational in proportion to your loss,
whether you are worthy or fit to attract the
love you seek; but his whole soul will incline
itself to yours, and engrave itself, as it were,
on the feeling which is your feeling for the hour.

THOUGHTS TO BE REMEMBERED.—The ob-
ject of all knowledge is truth. The essence
of all moral goodness is love. The spring of
all spiritual activity is faith. The foundation
of every virtue is humility. The first duty
of a sinner is repentance. The fountain of
all blessing is Jesus Christ. The source of
all grace and peace is the indwelling of the
Holy Spirit. Our own happiness is best pro-
moted by seeking the welfare of others. The
most effectual security against evil is trust in
God. The most valuable riches is content-
ment. The best antidote against melancholy
is occupation. The surest remedy against the
fear of death is the hope of heaven. The
greatest enemy of human happiness is sin.
The most effectual means of obtaining good
for ourselves and others is prayer. The light
to guide every step of our progress is the Bi-
ble.—Dr. Alexander.

The champion flap-jack baker lives in Iowa
City, Iowa. On a recent morning she cooked
220 of these delicacies in half an hour, and
the eight persons comprising the family suc-
cessfully made away with them, scoring, on
an average, 27½ cakes each.

Club life in New York is said to work the
ruin of a great many young men, who are led
to spend their time at the clubs in card play-
ing and drinking, thus forming the most de-
structive habits.

Northampton's plan of working all tramps
for three hours after breakfast, on the high-
ways, has reduced the nightly average from
10 to 2.

Light knives and forks, heavy teaspoons
and thin glasses for water are most elegant.

Many people think Sunday a sponge, with
which to wipe out the sins of the week.

EARLY RISING.
There is another class of superstitions
borne down to us from the crabbed times of
Puritan ancestry which I fancy we shall also
somewhat shamefacedly own. They were the
daily maxims which formed a part of the
teaching in every genuine New England
home, and their permanence as a part of our
mental constitution is an encouraging circum-
stance to educators who sometimes are in-
clined to think that even line upon line and
precept upon precept fail to make their im-
pressions upon the wayward mind of youth.
To remove this fear, we stand as living mon-
uments, boldly avowing first, that we find it
constantly difficult to convince ourselves—
though our reason tells us that we are ab-
surd—that it is not a moral duty to rise be-
fore, or at least with the sun. Day by day,
as we descend to our eight-o'clock or nine-
o'clock breakfast, we are conscious of a cer-
tain sense of moral torpidity which we know
to be unreasonable. It is in the effort to
shake off this sense, which is only the reman-
ent of an old superstition, that I write. The
general axioms on the subject of early rising
which helped to make the New England
Printer and the Farmer's Almanac a never-
failing source of supposed improvement, and
which were afterward re-announced by
Franklin, do not apply to the present day nor
to city life. What is gained even for useful
work by rising at six, and then being obliged
to take a nap in the middle of the day? Why
not do up all our sleeping at once, and have
a clear sweep for work? If again, one could
carefully rake up and cover the embers of his
fire at nine p. m., and sleep the sleep of the
righteous till six, he might possibly rise at
six, or even five, though why, even in that
case, any sane person should insist on doing
two hours' work before eating, and call such
action virtue, I could never understand. Cir-
cumstances alter rules as well as cases, which
is what we of Puritan stock find it hard to
understand. I myself know two young wo-
men of New England birth and training who,
though they go into much evening society,
and are frequently awake at midnight or after,
each week during the New York winter, yet
persist in being punctual every morning at
the half-past-seven breakfast of the family.
True, they have no appetites; true, they take
long naps in the afternoon; true, they break
down every year by March; yet they gallant-
ly return to the assault every autumn, and
would feel ashamed and guilty if they did
otherwise. So strong is the force of super-
stition!

In the future more perfect days it will be
considered a sin to awake any one from sleep
except in cases of life and death, and our
grandchildren may perhaps be free from the
inherited weakness of believing, because the
flowers and the chickens and the birds wake
when the sun does, that therefore a human
being should do so. By what logic do we se-
lect the one action of waking as suitable for
our imitation?—Anna C. Brackett, in Har-
per's Magazine for March.

CATARRH.
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